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July Highlights

- **7/12, Sun, 10:00 am**
  - Urabon-e & Hatsubon Service
  - Guest Speaker: **Rev. Ken Fujimoto**
- **7/18 & 19, Sat & Sun**
  - 74th Annual Obon Festival & Bazaar
- **7/19 Sun, 6:30 pm**
  - Bon Odori Service in Hondo

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August Highlights

- **8/22 Sat, 10:00 am**
  - Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

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September Highlights

- **9/13 Sun, 10:00 am**
  - Dharma School resumes
  - Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September

Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating High School Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.
In this issue, Jason Lai, Rebecca Kunze, Kaila Matsumoto & Ella Weeks.
Next issue, other High School Seniors.

2026 Graduating High School Seniors

FROM LEFT: Teacher Alex Muselman, Emi, Kylie, Kendall, Kurumi, Dylan, Kaila, Rebecca, Ella , Jillian, Rev. Mukojima & Sensei John Arima

Not Pictured: Jason Lai & Kiyomi St. John

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High School Class of 2026 - Congratulations!

Keep Your Golden Link to MVBT Bright & Shining!

Congratulations to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's graduating High School Seniors. Best wishes for your next adventure! Always keep your golden link to MVBT. **Namo Amida Butsu**

Emi Hirabayashi
Homestead High School

Kendall Inouye
Mountain View High School

Dylan Ishida
Bellarmine College Preparatory

Rebecca Kunze
Notre Dame San Jose

Jason Lai
Homestead High School

Jillian Lee
Prospect High School

Kaila Matsumoto
Mountain View High School

Kurumi Mukojima
Mountain View High School

Kiyomi St. John
Lydian Academy

Kylie Uyekubo
Aragon High School

Ella Weeks
Mountain View High School

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Canada Day **6p-9p** Boy Scouts **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**2** **10a-12p** Senior Taiko Practice **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** **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 **7p-9p** Obon Odori & Maui Odori Practice **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**8** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**9** **10a-12p** Senior Taiko Practice **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7p-9p** Obon Odori & Maui Odori Practice **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
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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — July, August & September 2025

July 5, 2026, Sunday, No Services

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 Shin Buddhist 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 passing of a loved one.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Ken Fujimoto**, BCA Minister Emeritus

July 18 - 19, 2026, Saturday & Sunday, Obon Festival & Bazaar

- In-Person event that is open to the public
- On Sunday, Obon Odori Service starting 30 minutes before Odori starts

July 28, 2026, Sunday, No Services

August2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2026, Sunday, No Services

September 13, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September, Hybrid Service

- Sunday Service and Dharma School resumes
- Dharma School and YBA Installations
- 11:00 am: Japanese Language Service
- 11:00 am: English Language Discussion

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 (aka Osaisen) into the Dana Box
Or
Go to MVBT website & Press the "Donate" Button.

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Buddhist Discussion Group

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:

May Satsuki Matsuzaki May 16, 1939 - May 17, 2026

Lorrie Hisako Kitasoe Dec 13, 1953 - May 26, 2026

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

Namo Amida Butsu — With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

Class of 2026 8th Grade Graduates - Congratulations!

From Left: Teacher Carol Yonemura, Mason Inouye, Kainoa, Oji, Yoshi, Rev. Mukojima, Sophie & Sensei John

Not pictured: Kelly, Trevor & Ava

8th Grade Graduate	Middle School
Kainoa Matsumoto	Blach Intermediate School
Oji Mukojima	Crittenden Middle School
Yoshi Paris	Peterson Middle School
Kelly Tao	JLS Middle School
Trevor Uyehara	Cupertino Middle School
Sophie Vosburgh	Sunnyvale Middle School
Ava Yamamoto	Blach Intermediate School

Miroku

Dana Project

We would like to start by thanking everyone for their support to our Dana Project this year. We are very pleased to announce that we raised $3,176 dollars for Canine Companions. This was all thanks to everyone's generosity through donations and sales.

Canine Companions®

Thank you to our Sangha for your amazing support and donations. Special thanks to **Mr. Tsuchida** for setting up and managing our online donations and to **Yumi and Caitlyn Higa** for teaching us how to make the pipe cleaner flowers and providing materials to craft them. Without your help we would not have been able to run such a successful Dana Project.

Successful Year

This June, we checked the AED units around Temple before heading to our end of year celebration at Bowlmor in Cupertino. The afternoon of bowling, pizza, and arcade games was a great way to wrap up another successful and fun year together.

In Gassho,
Yoshi Paris
8th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

JASON LAI

Homestead High School 2026

Bound for University of Southern California

Majoring in Economics and Mathematics

I Resonated With & Valued the Many Principles of Buddhism

By Jason Lai

Good Morning, Everyone,

Growing up, I've had a different connection to the Temple than many others here have. I didn't have any family that grew up here, nor did I go to Dharma school when I was quite young. I remember going to service a few times when I was in elementary and middle school, but I struggled to find a connection. I was skeptical and didn't know what being Buddhist entailed.

I further recall a time when I prayed with my grandfather. We were praying at a miniature statue of Buddha in his living room, and he asked me if I had seen that the statue had a glowing aura around it. I tried my best to give a scientific explanation that the aura was the light reflected off the statue. However, he told me I was wrong and that the light was a halo that represented the Buddha's spiritual power.

That was the day when my perspective shifted. Seeing so many people believe in and practice Buddhism struck me with awe and inspiration. I decided I wanted to fully explore Buddhism.

When I started high school, I sought to go to service and become more involved with the Temple. I admired the sacred and peaceful space, absorbing the harmonic and calming sutra chants combined with the Reverend's wise words. When I followed the other kids to Dharma School and learned more about the Buddha's teachings, I realized that I deeply resonated with and valued the many principles of Buddhism. The Temple became a sanctuary where I could learn, grow, and reflect.

This experience was elevated when I joined YBA. I was able to build personal relationships with many friendly people who welcomed me into the community, from the advisors to the members. Going on trips, conferences, or having random hangouts with them turned into memories that I deeply cherish. Most importantly, through YBA, I was able to embody the Buddhist teachings I was learning because I was giving back to the community that welcomed me. I'm going to miss being a cashier at our Obon Hotdog Booth, checking in a never-ending wave of people at spaghetti dinner, and my weekly trips to the bank as treasurer.

To the YBA members and advisors that I have met, I want to thank you all for supporting me and being some of the kindest people I have ever met. To the Sangha, I want to thank you all for inspiring me with your joy, faith, and compassion.

Transitioning to college, I will continue to practice Buddhist teachings that I've learned here at the Temple. They have nurtured an open mind and moral framework for me to strive for. With each step I take forward in life, I will always remember my time at the Temple, as it built the foundation of my faith and the person I want to be in the future.

Thank you for listening.

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Gotan-e

Urabon Service / Hatsubon

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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(2) Send a check to the Temple office

ELLA WEEKS

Mountain View High School 2026

Bound for University of Washington

Majoring in Pre-Social Sciences

Temple Has Truly Been My Second Home

By Ella Weeks

Good Morning, Everyone

If you don't know me already, my name is Ella. I've come to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple since before I can even remember, and it has always been such a central part of my life. Since preschool, it's been a place that I have made so many memories with the people I love, and a place I can always return to and simply be myself. It's also one of the only places I can come and feel better about my height, as if I'm finally just average!

My very first memory is playing with the Hanamatsuri paper flowers with Rebecca as preschoolers, instead paying attention to service. (sorry Sensei). Since then, my memories are filled with happy moments:

- Chatting with my friends over refreshments after Dharma School;
- Getting so excited whenever Sensei pulled Putra out for his Dharma Talks;
- Playing fairies with Eileen every summer at Nakayoshi;
- Getting dressed up in my pretty yukata for Obon Odori;
- Making funny faces with Kendall, with our lips tainted red and blue from all the shave ice we ate; and
- The Fuji Club meetings I would always look forward to just to see my friends.

These are some of my most cherished memories, and they all happened right here.

Even after COVID, when everything went online and we could only speak to one another through computer screens, life has resumed in a way that makes it feel like I never missed anything. Now, nothing has really changed, except for the fact that I'm older, and tend to stay up too late on Saturdays so that my mom has to drag me out of bed for Sunday Service the next morning.

High school has been a similar fun and wild ride: I recall moments of running between the game of Blackjack and the dance floor at the Fresno conference; chasing Kendall around the pool in Maui after she stole my Monopoly money; cracking up at Kai's amazing jokes at Spaghetti Dinner each year; taking photos with the Hongdae Guy and Justin Han at the Bay Area Classic; waking up at the crack of dawn for Mochitsuki and mastering the art of shaping kagami mochi; scrambling around each Iron Chef competition because I lowkey had no idea what I was doing; and not to mention, Kurumi and I dressing up as handsome frat guys to for Kendall's 18th birthday. Though these are only snippets of the past 4 years, it's chaotic, hilarious, and unforgettable moments like these that have allowed me to face every obstacle head on with a smile.

But none of these moments would mean anything without the people who truly made them special. I am so deeply grateful to everyone in this community that has watched me grow for the past 18 years, and has been an anchor in my life throughout its unpredictable changes.

To my parents, thank you for always loving me unconditionally, even when I'm being difficult, and for supporting me through each and every journey. I know I don't say it a lot, but your hard work, sacrifices, and dedication mean the world to me, and I wouldn't be standing here today without you. To Alex, Cori, and every one of my Dharma School teachers for the past 12 years, thank you for showing up every week for my classmates and I. I've learned so much from and have been able to grow as a person because of you. To YBA and our advisors, thank you for dedicating so much hard work to supporting our Temple community. Every fundraiser, activity, meeting, and trip wouldn't have been possible without any of you. To all the graduating Seniors that I've spent the last 12+ years with, thank you for sharing this journey with me. I'm so proud of you all and I know you are going off to do amazing things. To my Nakayoshi kids, thank you for all the laughs and silly jokes we have shared; even if occasionally beat me up or you come up to me just ask me to facetime Miya (my fellow Kirin senpai), I love you guys, and I'm so glad I was able to meet you. To Sensei, thank you for Dharma Messages each Sunday. Your words always guide me back to the right path, and remind me to stay present, humble, and mindful. (pause)

I could keep going on and on forever, but I'll stop here. To those I didn't get to mention, thank you. Each and everyone of you truly impacted me in your own way, and helped me grow into the person that I am today. I say this with my whole heart, but I would not be who I am without any of you.

This Temple has truly been my second home, and a source of comfort, friendship, and belonging. I will carry this part of myself as I continue to university and beyond, and hold what I've learned here close to my heart.

Thank you.

REBECCA KUNZE

Notre Dame San Jose 2026

Bound for Univeersity of California at Berkeley

Majoring in Ethnic Studies

Sunday Service, Obon & Taiko

By Rebecca Kunze

Good Morning, Everyone!

My name is Rebecca Kunze, and I'm so excited and honored to be able to share this talk with you today.

As I've been moving closer towards graduation recently, I've been doing a lot of reflection on what I will miss, what will change, and what I want to accomplish in the future. In thinking about those first few topics, I began to consider what role the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has held for me as I have grown up. I categorized this impact in three different boxes that overlap:

1. Service,
2. Obon, and
3. Most importantly, Taiko.

Service

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has been a constant presence in my life as long as I can remember, and far beyond that in the lives of my mom, her sister, and her parents. I remember sitting in the Hondo with my classmates and tracing the pronunciation marks in the Service Book as each sound was chanted. I remember making an octopus out of yarn, where each leg represented one part of the eightfold path; the reason I still remember all of the parts today. But most significantly, I remember the people; my friends' parents and grandparents stopping to say "Hi" and talk to me.

During the end of middle school and the beginning of high school, I stopped going to church regularly. When I began coming back this past year, it was like nothing had changed. The community at Mountain View Buddhist Temple truly embodies the idea of compassion, which I am reminded of every time I have to open a jar with my "Compassion is the heart of the Buddha" jar opener and every time someone stops me to ask "What's new in my life." Through becoming a sempai for Nakayoshi Gakko, I got closer with so many of the Dharma School kids, and I love seeing them grow up, change, and find new passions and hobbies. I also grew closer with others in my class through YBA, and the Coast District Board. Temple is somewhere I always feel like I can find a place for myself, and I know that will not change even as I go off to college.

Obon

However, my strongest memories of church from a young age revolve around Obon. Whether it was the bright lanterns, the fish that I won (and then had to give away), or dancing with my parents and friends, Obon was always a time of year that I looked forward to.

Honestly, I have all of you to thank for the fact that I'm going to college because this is what my common application essay was on. I'm going to read you all a quick excerpt from it that I think encapsulates why I love Obon so much:

"The festival is home, a place of comfort, something that has been present throughout my entire life. I love Obon because it is a time of joy and connection, a moment where everyone at my Temple celebrates those who have come before us, and because it has taught me to be part of something bigger."

Obon shows me what it feels like to belong, it forms and renews connections among family, friends, and strangers. Obon has also taught me about the value of our Sangha, and what it means to come together to create something larger than ourselves. Through skewering beef, shaping manju, and working in game booths, I have truly learned what it means to put in effort in order to achieve a larger goal and help make something happen. Obon is something that I know I will return to year after year, as long as I am able to.

Taiko

Finally, I want to reflect on taiko, since it was because of Mountain View Buddhist Temple that I started playing. It's crazy to me how significant of a role taiko now plays in my life. I remember being 5 years old and watching my sister play taiko, and I was so jealous that she got to play and I didn't. When I turned 7, I began playing myself, first learning the basic hits, the parts of the drum, and the 3 original taiko groups.

Now, taiko is something that I use to form community, connect with my culture, and is one of the most integral aspects of who I am. To draw from my college application once again,

"Taiko is the heartbeat of my life, the rhythm that has held true ever since I was seven years old. In every aspect of my world, I hear the synchronicity of the different drums combining to form a single song, one which grounds me and makes me a more centered, focused person."

Today, I perform with two different taiko groups: both Mountain View Buddhist Temple Taiko and San Jose Taiko. I plan on hopefully continuing to play and learn as I move forward in college. Taiko has grown to be one of the most

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KAILA MATSUMOTO

Mountain View High School 2026

Bound for San Diego State University

Majoring in Nursing

Soaked in a Lot More of the Teachings Than I Thought

By Kaila Matsumoto

Good Morning, Everybody!

Wow, for the last decade of my life, I've been on the responding side of the "Good Morning," so it's a little bit strange to be the person initiating it…anyway. In all honesty, I put off writing this speech for way too long… senioritis was really hitting me, y'know? We chose our dates for giving our speeches literally months ago, and I've procrastinated making it for a really, really long time – which is funny, because I swear I'm generally not a procrastinator when it comes to work. When I was younger, I actually really looked forward to giving this speech, but when Senior year finally came around, this speech was mostly just intimidating and daunting. It's like when I went to start writing, I was suddenly void of creativity. In fact, Ella – who will be giving her speech later – and I actually started writing our speeches in a panic during our AP Environmental Science class, stressing about how we have no ideas and have absolutely no clue what to say at the podium. And being up at the podium right now is just a little nerve wracking.

I know a lot of seniors write their speeches about how their relationship with Buddhism has grown since they were kids, and it might be a little overdone by now so…I'm going to talk about that too! As a kid, I don't think I really paid much attention during Dharma talks – sorry, Sensei – because I was probably too busy goofing off with my friends or making funny faces at the older students, as I'm sure many of you younger Dharma School kids are doing right now. Don't worry, I'm not offended. Honestly, Dharma School as a kid was more about the friends I got to see who didn't go to the same school as me than the lessons that were being taught. As I got older, however, I found myself identifying with Buddhism more and more. I'd get excited when it was mentioned in school, because even though I hadn't been paying much attention during classes, I did know the Golden Chain by heart. Couldn't have told you one of the Six Paramitas, even though it's from the same page of the service book, though.

This year, I took Philosophy as my English course in school, and we read a book called Siddhartha by Herman Hesse. It's a fictionalized version of Siddhartha's life, told by a German-Swiss Nobel Prize winner to be more digestible for Western minds. Although not all of the ideas overlapped with what I've learned through the years here at church, I still had a better grasp on them to begin with than my non-Buddhist classmates. It has made me realize that, even if I feel like I haven't learned as much as one should have during 12 years of attending Buddhist church, I've actually passively soaked in a lot more of the teachings than I thought. Whether this came in the form of realizing I did, in fact, know the Eightfold Path when it was mentioned in the book – big shoutout to the acronym VTSCLEMM for helping me memorize them (Views, Thought, Speech, Conduct, Livelihood, Effort, Mindfulness, Meditation) – or randomly singing Ondokusan II as a warmup to the countless karaoke sessions I've had in my house, Buddhism has, and likely always will be, present in my life. Even if I still can't recite the Six Paramitas from memory.

Now, as my senior year comes to an end and I realize that I, along with all the other seniors, will be going off to college within the next few months, the idea of impermanence becomes more and more relevant. I'll try not to talk too long about this, because it'll make my mom cry, and if she cries, I'll cry, but it really does feel surreal being a senior that's graduating this Friday. To be honest, I still feel like a little kid who's laughing too hard into the microphone with her cousin while calling Oshoko, but I know I have to accept the fact that I am perpetually changing and growing. I've come to understand that, maybe, the Buddhist teachings weren't as lost on younger me as I thought. One of the central ideas I've gathered from my time coming to MVBT is the importance of community, of interconnectedness… it's encouraged me to take refuge in the Sangha, and that's exactly what I've been doing since I was a first grader talking with my friends during Sensei's Dharma talks.

Finally, I have a lot of Thank Yous I'd like to dish out, so I'll try to rapid fire them. I want to thank Sensei, and Putra, for all their talks over the years. My dad, for forcing me to come to church and listen to their Dharma talks all these years. My mom, for being my closest confidant that always helped me get through the week, and my brother, for being my right-hand man, even if he's at the age where he pretends none of my jokes are funny. Thank you to my grandparents for letting me commandeer the living room TV for karaoke nights, to my big cuzzo Jill, for being my partner in crime for our infamous Oshoko reading as kids, and to the rest of my family for being one big support net for me. Thanks to eve-

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Sunday Service, Obon & Taiko - Cont'd

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By Rebecca Kunze

central aspects of who I am, and I will always be thankful to the Temple for introducing me to this instrument, because I genuinely could not imagine my life without it.

Thank You

Overall, in more ways beyond just these three, I am so thankful to this Temple for having played a big role in raising me and forming my values, community, and identity in such major ways. My life would be far from what it is without all the people and activities the Temple has introduced me to.

Thank you to my Dharma School teachers throughout the years, my taiko instructors, the friends I have made at Temple, and to my family for encouraging me to be so involved in so many different activities and church events. As I move forward into college, I know that the values and friendships I have created are indelible, and that I will continue to cherish everything I have fostered here for the years to come.

Thank you

Rebecca Kunze

Soaked in a Lot More of the Teachings Than I Thought - Cont'd

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By Kaila Matsumoto

rybody in my classes, for being my friends that keep me coming back to church after all these years, and to all my teachers, who have taught me despite having to deal with me whining about not wanting to be here because it's too early. Finally, I'd like to thank the Sangha, for creating a community that's welcoming, accepting, and unconditionally positive – even when I tell really bad spaghetti jokes at spaghetti dinner. Whew, okay that was a lot.

I'd like to close with a Buddhist reading I used when I was a kid that I feel is especially applicable for all of us graduating seniors as we head into college. Please join me In Gassho.

"When life gets you down, do you know what you've gotta do? Just keep swimming."

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Thank you!

Kaila Matsumoto

MVBT President's Message

As we move into Obon season, I am, as always, struck by our Sangha and extended Sangha Community's effort and dedication. Each year we come together to make booths, cook delicious food, play games, dance and, best of all, connect and re-connect with our friends and family. It takes a wonderful team and literally thousands of volunteer hours to bring the MVBT Obon to life and the fantastic celebration of our ancestors and family it has become.

Obon is our opportunity to celebrate, but also to remember the loved ones we have lost and honor how important they were in our lives. Even now as I look towards the summer, I recall dancing Tanko Bushi and Obon-No-Uta with my dad at sunset and feel tears of joy in my eyes.

In deep gratitude and appreciation to our Sangha,

In Appreciation,
Julie Satake Ryu
2026 MVBT President

Nikki, Dad & Dan

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

Hawaiian Breakfast

YBA held our Hawaiian breakfast fundraiser on June 7. We provided breakfast before Sunday Service, and we are grateful for the Sangha's support! Odin and Tyler did a wonderful job planning and managing their first YBA fundraiser together.

YBA Elections / Cabinet for Next Year:

During the May YBA Meeting, we held elections for next year's cabinet. We also held a special election for the position of Coast District Representative at the last meeting. Listed below is the 2026-2027 cabinet including CD Representative.

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi
2025 - 2026 YBA President

2026-2027 YBA CABINET

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:	**Fuku Yamaryo**
Historian:	**Ko Hirabayashi**

Thank You, Mukojima Family

Thank you to Rev. Mukojima, Mika, Kurumi and Oji for treating everyone to cold *somen* after the last Dharma School Sunday Service on June 14.

ありがとう　ございます

In Gassho,
MVBT Sangha

2025 - 2026 Hatsubon Families

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has 12 families that have lost a loved one since the 2024 Hatsubon Service. To remember those who have passed away before us, the Mountain View BuddhistTemple has the Hatsubon Service. All of the Hatsubon loved ones have and will continue to influence our lives and the future of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

The Hatsubon loved ones are listed below.

Loved One	Date of Death	Buddhist Name	Homyo
Kiyome Ishii	July 26, 2025	Shaku Sho-Ko	釋清響
Robert Michio Kusumoto	October 16, 2025	Shaku Sei-Mon	釋誓聞
Tad Tatsuo Nakagawa	October 25, 2025	Shaku U-Ryu	釋雨龍
Naomi Higaki	November 7, 2025	Shaku Ho-Kan	釋法幹
Miyo Okumura Yamanaga	January 7, 2026	Shaku Nin-Toku	釋忍徳
Shin Sawamura	January 20, 2026	Shaku Shin-Kei	釋眞敬
Jane Toshiko Tokutomi	January 27, 2026	Shaku Ju-San	釋寿讃
Karen Tomiko Uyehara	March 18, 2026	Shaku Ho-Fuku	釋法富
Aggie Chiyeko Hirotsu	March 23, 2026	Shaku Chi-E	釋千恵
Charles Tsuneo Uyeda	March 27, 2026	Shaku Ko-Jo	釋考誠
Herbert Saburo Tamada	March 28, 2026	Shaku Tan-Sho	釋端正
May Satsuki Matsuzaki	May 17, 2026	Shaku Sai-Un	釋彩雲

** The "Next Year" Rule: If a loved one passes away too close to the Obon/Urabon-e Service, so that the 49-day mourning period hasn't yet passed, the Hatsubon is postponed until the following year's Hatsubon Service.

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Adult Buddhist Association

ABA ACTIVITIES

Life Skills presented by ABA

Following the Sunday Service on June 7, a crew of ABA volunteers headed by **Sterling Makishima** presented "The Auto Maintenance and Emergency Life Skills Demonstration" for 15 of the High School Dharma students.

ABA News

LOOKING AHEAD…

San Jose Giants Game: August 14

Come join us at ABA's annual San Jose Giants game and fireworks night on Friday, August 14, at 7 pm. The game will be at Excite Ballpark located in San Jose.

Tickets include admission, BBQ dinner, and games for the kids. The price is $55 for ABA members, $65 for non-members, and $45 for children 12 and under. Email Mieko Nakano at knakano2332@aol.com to RSVP or for more information. Deadline is August 1.

Save the Date!

"Tea Tasting with Tsukemono Pairing" on Saturday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m. More information coming soon.

Join ABA

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

Next Meeting

The next ABA meeting is hybrid on Friday, July 10, at 7:30 pm.

In Gassho,
Russ Nakano
ABA Vice President

All photos: Auto Maintenance and Emergency Life Skills Demonstration

2026 150 Club News

At the June Board Meeting of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the June winner was announced as **Carol Uyeda**.

Congratulations to Carol!

Thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!

Stay safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

Toban & Echo	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
JULY	Zones 4 & 5	N / A	N / A
AUG	No Toban	No Aug Echo	N / A
SEPT	Toban 6 & 7	Aug 14 (Fri)	Aug 19 (Thurs)

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

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Bridging

The Troop held their Bridging and End of Year Celebration in June. We had two Cadettes bridge to the next level and become Seniors: **Kelly T.** and **Ava Y**.

Congratulations, Kelly and Ava!

Graduation

The Troop also celebrated our Ambassador who has graduated from Girl Scouts and bridged to Adult. **Kurumi M.** started as a Kindergartener and completed all 13 years of Girl Scouts. We leaders have enjoyed watching her grow into adulthood and wish her all the best as she journeys into her next adventure!

Congratulations, Kurumi!

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Bridging Celebration

Graduation to Adult
Mom, Kurumi & Dad

Upcoming Major Services

Obon / Hatsubon Service.....July 12

Fall Ohigan Service.....Sept 13

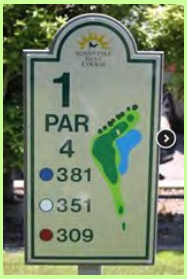
Bishops' Memorial & .....Oct 11
ABA Memorial Service

Eitaikyo Service & ..... Nov 15
Keiro Kai Luncheon

Bodhi Day Service..... Dec 6

New Year's Eve Service ..... Dec 31

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

Buddhist Women's Association Activities

BWA ACTIVITIES

Passing of Beloved BWA Member

In May, we lost our beloved **Lorrie Kitasoe**. Our heartfelt condolences go to the entire **Glenn Kitasoe Family**.

Lorrie was our BWA Vice President and an active Temple member involved in not only BWA, but also ABA, Otoki crew, taiko and ukulele. Years before we joined BWA, Lorrie and I were encouraged by Rev. Mukojima to join BWA. Together, we dipped our toes into helping BWA with udon and tsukemono. BWA President Reiko Murakami and the BWA ladies always made us feel so welcome. Yet, we would show up and smile and say we were still auditing BWA, but not ready to commit. After a few years of "auditing," together we agreed it was time to take the plunge and become BWA members, and we were able to encourage many of our friends to join (and arm twisted many of our husbands to help too). As we stepped up into BWA leadership roles, Lorrie was always there to help, gently lead and provide support where needed.

Lorrie was always so kind and forever thinking of others. Just this April, at the wonderful Girl Scout hosted tea, Lorrie and I were seated at the same table. The Girl Scouts had lovely tea cup favors for all attendees. As I reached for the cup nearest me, Lorrie insisted that I take her tea cup instead. She saw that the special sticker on the bottom of her cup meant you received the orchid table center piece. Once I realized why Lorrie gave me her cup, I told her she won the orchid. However, in her quiet and matter of fact reasoning, she said, "No, you get the orchid, because I got the prize last year." Now, I have this lovely orchid smiling at me every day. Thank you Lorrie for everything. Along with all our BWA, I will miss you very much.

At Oct 2024 FBWA Conference in San Jose
From left: Teri, Lois, Amy, Reiko, Shirley, Lorrie, Kari & Phyllis

Lorrie relaxing after helping with conference hospitality room

My Girl Scout tea orchid prize from Lorrie

New Members

Welcome to our new member:

- Scott Hirotsu

New members of all ages are welcome at any time. Membership dues are $20 per year.

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

Congratulations Graduates

BWA congratulates our many high school and middle school graduates.

Obon – Chi Chi Dango

BWA will be making chi chi dango on Monday, July 13, in the Sangha Hall kitchen from 7:30 am to 4 pm.

Chi Chi Dango

Donations

We gratefully acknowledged the following:

- **The Glenn Kitasoe Family**
  In Memory of Lorrie
- **Marie Ochi-Jacobs**
  In Memory of Lorrie Kitasoe

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
2026 BWA President

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

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Resume Thursday Seniors After Summer Break: June 11 was our last day of our Senior Activities Program before we take a summer break.

Have a safe and healthy summer break. You will all be missed. Looking forward to seeing you back in September. Stay well.

Thursday, September 10: Senior Activities will resume on Thursday, September 10. Mark this date on your calendar. We will be anxious to see you all.

Obon Craft Booth

Jeanne Ohara is asking for donations for the Obon Craft Booth for the July Obon event. If you have any useful items such as dishes, toys, books, any homemade craft items, etc., they are welcome. You can drop them off at the Temple office and mark it for the Obon Craft Booth. For more information, call Jeanne Ohara. Anything is greatly appreciated. Thank you

Donation:

The following donation is gratefully acknowledged:

Yoko Tamaru

Thank You:

Our heartfelt thank you to many of you for your generous donations supporting our Senior Activities Program throughout the year. Special thank you to **Marilyn Ozawa**, **Marilyn Armistead**, **Jaimie Holzknecht**, **Joe and Lily Shiroma, Judy Kato** and **Toshiko Uyehara**. We are truly grateful for your support.

Arigato

SENIOR COOKBOOKS

Senior Cookbooks are 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 Programs start at 9:00 am and end at 12 noon.

DURING SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Dharma School News

Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our high school and middle school graduates! At the Sunday Service on June 14, Dharma School recognized the 8th Grade Class and High School Seniors.

8th Grade Graduates

Congratulations to our 8th Grade graduates:

Kainoa Matsumoto
Oji Mukojima
Yoshi Paris
Kelly Tao
Trevor Uyehara
Sophie Vosburgh
Ava Yamamoto

2026 8th Grade Class

High School Graduates

Congratulations to our High School graduates:

Emi Hirabayashi
Kendall Inouye
Dylan Ishida
Rebecca Kunze
Jason Lai
Jillian Lee
Kaila Matsumoto
Kurumi Mukojima
Kiyomi St. John
Kylie Uyekubo
Ella Weeks

Best wishes at college, and we look forward to seeing you at future Temple events and activities!

2026 High School Graduates

Dharma School Attendance Awards

The following students were recognized during the June 14th Sunday Service for their Dharma School attendance this year:

Kindergarten: **Carter Shay**

2nd Grade: **Riley Chu** and **Yuji Paris**

5th Grade: **Avery Chu** and **Yumi Paris**

7th Grade: **Kayley Chu**

8th Grade: **Oji Mukojima** and **Yoshi Paris**

High School: **Emi Hirabayashi**, **Kurumi Mukojima** and **Ella Weeks**

Attendance Awards

From Left: Superintendent Brent Izutsu, Yuji Paris, Carter Shay, Yumi Paris, Ella Weeks, Riley Chu, Emi Hirabayashi, Yoshi Paris, Kurumi Mukojima, Oji Mukojima, Rev. Mukojima & Sensei John

Not Pictured: Avery Chu & Kayley Chu

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Graduate Celebration

Thank you to the **BWA** for generously providing cake in celebration of our Dharma School graduates.

Dharma School Fundraiser

Thank you to **Ricky Chu** and **Bryan Matsumoto** for coordinating the Dine Out at Pasta Market for the Dharma School fundraiser held on June 15, and thank you to all of you who came out in support!

Birthday Books

A special thank you to **Casey Katayama** and **Jadine Yee** for your assistance with the Dharma School birthday books again this year!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship

Certificate of Scholarship

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Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarhip Recipients

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Emi Hirabayashi,

Kendall Inouye,

Kurumi Mukojima &

Kylie Uyekubo.

The Rev. Sensho and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki Scholarship was awarded at the Sunday Service on June 14 to four Dharma School, high school graduating seniors. Congratulations to **Emi Hirabayashi, Kendall Inouye, Kurumi Mukojima** and **Kylie Uyekubo**.

Background

After the passing of both Rev. Sensho and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki, a scholarship in their name was established at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple in 1986 with a donation from the families of their children. Now, the Sasaki Scholarship is funded by the proceeds of the Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament.

Each June, the Sasaki scholarship is awarded to a college-bound high school student in the Temple. The recipient must enroll in a college, express a strong interest in the Buddhist religion, have an excellent attendance record in Dharma School, and have been participating in other Buddhist activities. The scholarship committee also considers YBA participation, Buddhist education activities and an essay. Sometimes the committee awards multiple scholarships, depending on the qualifications of the applicants.

To date, the Scholarship Committee has given 76 scholarships to deserving Dharma School high school graduates.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Scholarship Committee

FROM LEFT:
Back Row: Steve Tsuchida, Rev. Mukojima & Sensei John Arima

Front Row: Kylie, Emi, Kendall & Kurumi

Rev. Sensho & Mrs. Kinuko Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament Funds the Sasaki Scholarhip

The Sasaki Golf Tournament provides income for the Sasaki Memorial Scholarship fund. Please play or donate to the scholarship fund.

Arigato Gozaimasu!

Play Golf with Us This Year

Join us at this year's golf tournament to be held on August 22 at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. A signup sheet can be found in this issue of the Echo. It is also available on the MVBT Website and Putra's Post.

Sunnyvale Golf

A signup sheet can also be found at:

https://tinyurl.com/2026-Sasaki-Golf-Signup

You may pay by credit card or check.

Donations Accepted

If you are not able to play in the tournament, donations are gladly accepted. See signup sheet for donating information.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Memorial Golf Committee &
Sasaki Scholarship Committee

It's Obon time! Please join us in remembering and honoring our loved ones. Our 71st annual Obon will take place on Saturday, July 18th and Sunday, July 19.

Always a wonderful weekend of cultural sights, sounds and delicious foods, we look forward to hosting and re-connecting with old and new friends who visit each year. Beyond coming and enjoying yourself, we also ask you to support this critical fundraiser through your giving of time and resources.

More details are available at:

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/

Remembrance

Each year, we invite members of our Temple community to make a donation to honor loved ones who have passed. You can purchase a lantern dedication with levels starting at $25.

Lantern dedications will be featured with gratitude on our website and in the dining hall.

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/lanterns

Volunteer

This event is not possible without the dedication of the entire Sangha that includes members, family, and friends. Please come out to enjoy the Obon and if you can, consider helping out.

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/sangha-obon-info

Help Needed!

Below is a snapshot of some of the activities leading up to Obon weekend and post Obon cleanup.

Schedule of Events

Saturday

4:00 - 8:00 pm	Cultural Exhibits
4:30 pm	MVBT Taiko
6:00 pm	Taiko, Kids, Jun Daiko, Alumni
7:30 - 9:00 pm	Maui Dancing

Sunday

12:00 - 5:00 pm	Cultural Exhibits
12:30 pm	MVBT Taiko
1:00- 2 :00 pm	Children's Activities
2:00 - 4:00 pm	Hondo Tours
3:30 pm	Taiko
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Chidori Band
6:30 - 7:00 pm	Obon Service
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Odori Dancing

Help Needed	Day	Time	Where
Wooden Booth Set up	Tues 7/14	6:00 pm - 8 :00 pm	Parking Lot
Manju Making	Wed 7/15	8:30 am - 4 pm	Sangha Hall
Chicken Cleaning	Wed 7/15	6:00 pm - 8 :00 pm	Sangha Hall
Beef Skewering	Fri 7/17	6:00 pm - 8 :00 pm	Sangha Hall Kitchen
General Set Up	Fri 7/17	Following Skewering	Temple Grounds
Dining Hall Set Up	Fri 7/17	Following Skewering	Sangha Hall
Corn Shucking	Sat 7/18	10 am- 12 pm	Front Lawn
Post Obon Clean Up	Mon 7/20	7:30 am - 12:30 pm	Everywhere
General Clean Up	Tues 7/21	6:00 pm - 8 :00 pm	Temple Grounds
General Clean Up	Wed 7/22	9:00 am -	Temple Grounds

2026 Odori & Maui Dance Practice Schedule

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the main event of Odori dancing. Participation is more important than proficiency, but if you need a refresher, we have some practices scheduled.

Tuesday, July 7 (Sangha Hall Gym)

- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm..... Odori Dancing
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm ..... Maui Dancing

Thursday, July 9 (Sangha Hall Gym)

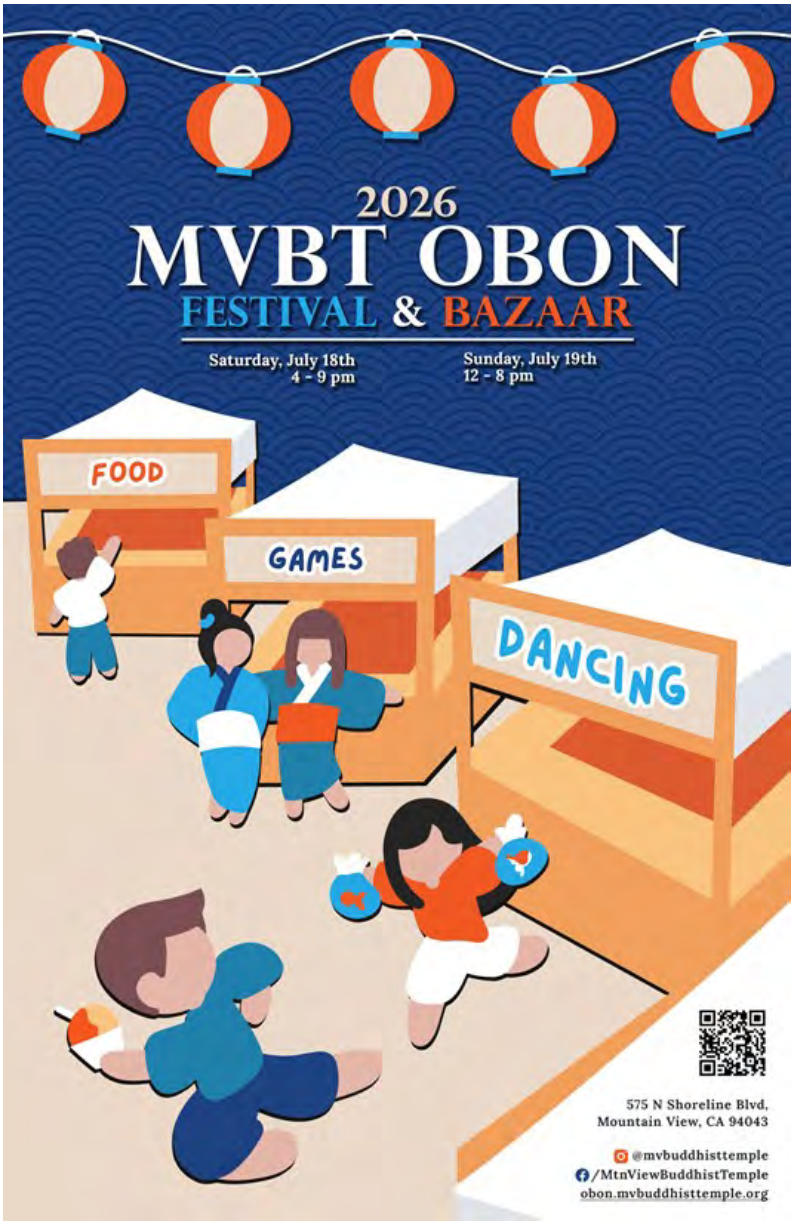
- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm ..... Odori Dancing
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm ..... Maui Dancing

Tuesday, July 14 (Sangha Hall Gym)

- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm ..... Odori Dancing
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm..... Maui Dancing

Thursday, July 16 (Outside around Yagura)

- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm ..... Odori Dancing
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm ..... Maui Dancing



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 MVBT Obon T-shirts

Order your 2026 Limited Edition MVBT Obon T-shirt!

Pre-orders are due Sunday, June 28, 2026. All pre-ordered shirts are discounted.

A limited number of shirts will be available for purchase at the Obon Festival at an increased price.

Order online at:

https://pci.jotform.com/MVBuddhist/2026-mvbt-obon-t-shirt

Adults (dark gray):

Child (light gray):

Pre-ordered shirts will be distributed at the last two odori practices on Tuesday, July 14, and Thursday, July 16.

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

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
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3.		
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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: _____

MVBT Membership Committee News

86% 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.

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
Jean, Bob, Leslie, Steve & Casey

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Gotan-e

Urabon-e / Kangi-e / Obon Service

Hatsubon

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

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

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

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 & July Monthly Memorial Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July was held on Sunday, June 7

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The next Shotsuki Hoyo will be held on September 13 for loved ones who passed away in August and September.

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

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**

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2 **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	**3** **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**4** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **6:30p-7:30p** Adult Continuing Taiko **7p-8p** Cub Scout Pack Meeting **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**5** **6p-9p** Boy Scouts **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**6** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**7** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**8**
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30 **10a-11a** Dharma School Teachers & Librarians Meeting **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**31** **7:30p-8:30p** RPC Meeting					

Upcoming Events

August 22, 2025, Saturday

- Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament & Banquet

Sept 13, 2025, Sunday

- Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September
- Dharma School Resumes

2026 Obon Festival & Bazaar

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