

Nembutsu Wave



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BODHI DAY

Once again we find ourselves at the year's end. It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. I recall in my youth when the days seemed to drag on so slowly in anticipation of the New Year. I was so anxious to taste the sushi, the chicken teriyaki and the Ozoni on New Year's day. Now in my later years the time swiftly passes and the New Year is upon me so quickly. I still look forward to the delicious New Year's foods and seeing everyone celebrating.

Lately I often wonder why the time seems to pass by so swiftly. Perhaps it is because I fail to savor each moment, perhaps my sense of anticipation and excitement is not what it used to be. Perhaps, and more likely, I am busy with life and all that it brings with it. The Japanese term *isogashii* 忙し is made of two parts, the left radical is 心 *kokoro* which means the heart/mind. The right half of the character is 亡 *bu* or *mu* means to destroy, perish, disappear or die. When our lives are so busy we can literally lose our minds and hearts. This is what it means to be *isogashii*.

December is a very busy time of the year, we find ourselves running here and there, visiting family, friends, shopping etc. Since we are so very busy, we should find the time in our busy schedules to take a moment and express our gratitude for all that we have and all that we receive.

December 8th commemorates the day Siddhartha Gautama awakened to the Truth and became The Buddha. On that day he opened a path for all of us to follow, he blazed a trail that leads us to that Truth. The Buddha understood that we are all *isogashii* and that we cannot all live the life of a monk, but if we take a moment to think about one tiny moment or one small item or person that brings joy into our lives we can be grateful for that. The Buddha also understood that we have trouble maintaining that deep gratitude as we go about our busy lives. The 18th vow of the Buddha was established by him for busy beings such as you and I.

If, when I attain Buddhahood, sentient beings in the lands of the ten quarters who sincerely and joyfully entrust themselves to me, desire to be born in my land, and call my Name, even ten times, should not be born there, may I not attain perfect Enlightenment. Excluded, however, are those who commit the five gravest offences and abuse the right Dharma.

Bodhi Day – continued

The Truths that the Buddha had awakened to on December 8th were outlined in his very first sermon. The Truth of interdependency. All of us are connected to each other, our thoughts, words and actions affect all other human beings. At the same time, we cannot exist without the support, generosity and kindness of others seen and unseen.

He also taught the truth of impermanence. All things are subject to change, we are born into this world and as a result we will die. Our time here is precious and so are the lives of others. When we embrace this truth, we live our lives differently, treating each moment and others we come into contact with differently.

He taught the Truth of cause and effect. All things that arise before us have a cause whether it be a person, an event or an experience. The results usually emanate from ourselves in the form of joy, sorrow, elation, disgust etc. Those who embrace this truth confront events with wisdom, understanding and responsibility.

In our world of “busy-ness” I hope we find a moment to reflect upon the great gift of the Dharma that the Buddha has opened up for us and we express our gratitude all that we have received this past year.

Gassho,

Rev. Shinseki

As we approach the end of 2020 we hope you are all well and staying healthy and safe. As you know we are currently live streaming all our Sunday Services to Monterey, Salinas and Watsonville. Each temple having their individual YouTube sites.

However, due to the current outbreak of the Corona Virus across the nation and in California, we have created a “Tri-Temple” YouTube site which we will be posting all the services. Our plan is to utilize this YouTube site for future “Tri-Temple” services.

******All future services will be viewed through the Tri-temple YouTube Channel******

For Monterey Pen. Buddhist Temple viewers:

Log onto: montereybuddhist.org

Select: Sunday Service Live Stream on YouTube

You will be connected to: CentCoast Tri-Temple site

All three temples will be able to view the services all together via this YouTube site. We hope you will join Rev. Shinseki each Sunday, as this decision was made in order for us to remain compliant with the new restrictions regarding group gatherings and keep everyone safe.

Prior to the two end-of-the-year services, Joya-e and Shusho-e, Sensei will have cooking and flower demonstrations. Dates and times for these will be announced.

Gassho,

Rev. Shinseki

DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO
Sunday, December 13, 2020 – 10 A.M.
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Deceased	Family
Torajiro Yashiki	Torabayashi Family
Toshiko Ishida	Ono Family
Jisaburo Nishi	Ms. Sachi Akaba
Masaru Hatano	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hatano
Tomehito Yorita & Kiyoko Tanaka	Mrs. Tomiko Yorita
Tsuka Baba	Baba Family
Rinzo Sugimoto	Mr. Akio Sugimoto
Taju Inazu	Ms. Lisa Honda
Santaro Hirabayashi	Mr. Lenny Yoshiyama
Teiichi Kanaya	Dr. Sadayo Kanaya & Mrs. Junko Kanaya Adams
Haruichi Sakai	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Sakai
Fujiko Kodama	Mr. George Kodama
Jack Masami Takahashi	Takahashi Family
Hatsuka Nishi	Shirakawa Family
Sharon Rei Miyamoto	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Miyamoto
Fusano Esaki & Teruo George Esaki	Mr. John Esaki & Amy Kato
Sada Tanaka	Tanaka Family
Yoshie Tabata	Mrs. Ruby Tabata
Mutsuo Okayama	Ishida Family
Fusa Baba	Mrs. Miyo Saiki
Shinayo Kono	Mr. Mark Kono
Takako Kitahara	Mr. Junki Kitahara
Masatoyo Tatsumi	Mr. Craig Higashi

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DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO - *Continued*
Sunday, December 13, 2020 – 10 A.M.

Deceased	Family
Kimi Silva	Mr. Robert Silva
Kiyoshi Hori	Mrs. Patricia Hori
Goichi Nakamura	Nakamura Family
Zenichiro Oda	Mr. & Mrs. Larry and Anne Oda
Ogin Komatsu	Komatsu Family
Ken Isao Katayama	Ms. Ruby Katayama
Fumiko Yamamura	Yamamura Family
Tom Tomio Yaguchi	Mrs. Carle Hirahara
Harry Kuniharu Kadani	Mrs. Diana Kadani
Seizo Izumi	Ms. Ruby Izumi
Kazuo Dick Shiozaki	Ms. Karee Stanley
James Yutaka Takigawa	Takigawa Family
Mitsue Fidler Age	Age Family
Helen Sumiko Inada	Inada Family
Sumie Tokuno	Tokuno Family
Sumie Tsuji	Mr. David Uchida
Aiko Nagao	Adam Gavalla
Hiroko Takasaki	Mr. Yasuo Takasaki
Roy Nobuyoshi Hattori	Rick & Ellie Hattori & Family
Samuel Osamu Imai	Mrs. Fumiko Imai
Miyoko Enokida	Enokida Family



October Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita
Patricia Hori
Akemi Ito

Atsumi Uyeda
Andy & Kathie Yoshiyama
Dr. Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani

Kurt Kodama
Toru & Mary Kinoshita

BWA Memorial Service Donations

Jim & Yoshiko Arao
Robert Silva
Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita
Fumi Yamashita

Toshiko Uyeda
Toru & Mary Kinoshita
Roy & Sydney Yamashita
Dr. Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani

Itsuo & Keiko Nakasako
Wako Matsushita
Akemi Ito

Special October Donations Received

Michael Uyeda & Family, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Carole Hatano
Joyce Haruki & Family, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Terry Teruko Haruki
Yutaka Fujimoto, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Sakaye Fujimoto & Suyeno Fujimoto
Toshiko Uyeda, in appreciation of the special delivery of the KFC pot pie dinner
Randolph & Jeanne Onitsuka, special BWA Memorial donation
Nancy Tanaka, special donation for 75th Temple Anniversary Celebration
Roy, Sydney & Jill Yamashita, donation for temple operations
Walt Uwate, in appreciation of the special delivery of the KFC pot pie dinner
Yutaka Fujimoto, in appreciation of receiving temple newsletter
Mary Shintani, in appreciation of the special delivery of the KFC pot pie dinner

Thank You everyone for all your financial support. It is appreciated during this very stressful time and your donations have helped us pay for the upkeep maintenance of our beautiful temple.

NOTES OF INTEREST**SUNDAY SERVICES NOW ON NEW TRI-TEMPLE YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

Starting in December, it was decided that that we would not gather for live streaming at the temples. Sensei will be conducting services from his home and posting them on the tri-temple YouTube site.

Log onto: montereybuddhist.org, then on the home page,

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Gassho,
Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple

**2020 MONTEREY PENINSULA BUDDHIST TEMPLE
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

We have an updated Temple Membership Directory that you will receive via email if we have one for you, otherwise, you will receive a hard copy through the mail.

If those of you who receive an email copy of the directory and would also like a hard copy, please let us know, and we will mail one to you.

Please look over your information and if there is an error please let us know. You may contact Akemi at 831-394-2111 or email her at a.ito@comcast.net.

******REMINDER******

The **Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple Ballots for the 2021-2022** Board of Directors has been mailed to all our members. Please fill them out and return to us by November 30th.

*****(We have extended the return date to Monday, December 7th)*****

Thank you to all of you who have already returned your ballots and participating in this very important function as members of our Sangha.

NOTES OF INTEREST - continued**Updated On-Line Donation Option Available on Temple Website**

Make a one-time donation to the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple using a credit card via PayPal or Debit/Credit Card. No PayPal account is required, except to setup a recurring (monthly) donation if that is something you would like to consider.

Please view our website at montereybuddhist.org.

Select: Contact on Home Page

Scroll to bottom of Contact page to DONATE icon.

Fill out appropriate information requested.

We appreciate everyone's generous donations and we hope this option will make it easier to forward your donations to our temple in the future.

If you have any questions, use the form provided on our updated Contact page. Your email will be sent to us directly.

Gassho,
Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple

*****SAVE THIS DATE*****



*******SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021*******
MONTEREY PENINSULA BUDDHIST TEMPLE
75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

2021 BCA CALENDARS

Due to the Corona Virus preventing staff members of the BCA to meet, they will not be publishing a 2021 Calendar.

We all hope that next year, they will be able to create a 2022 BCA Calendar.

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December 6, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service – CentCoast Tri-temple site
December 10, 2020	Thursday	6:00 pm	MPBT Board Meeting (Zoom)
December 13, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service CentCoast Tri-temple site
December 20, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service – CentCoast Tri-temple site
December 27, 2020	Sunday	No Service	
December 31, 2020	Thursday	8 PM	Joya-e Service – CentCoast Tri-temple site
January 1, 2021	Friday	10 AM	ShuSho-e Service – CentCoast Tri-temple site
January 3, 2021	Sunday	No Service	
January 10, 2021	Sunday	10 am	Shotsuki Service - CentCoast Tri-temple site
January 14, 2021	Thursday	6:00 am	MPBT Board Meeting (Zoom)
January 17, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Hoonko Service - CentCoast Tri-temple site
January 21, 2021	Thursday	7:00 pm	Coast District Council Meeting (Zoom)
January 24, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service – CentCoast Tri-temple site
January 31, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service – CentCoast Tri-temple site