



President's Message: Terrie Matsumoto

Finally, I can say "Happy Fall" to everyone! The weather is not too hot and not too cold and feels just right! This is one time where I feel change is good! Because of where we live, we are fortunate that our major concern is how hot it's been and that our weather changes are subtle.

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NEWSLETTER



MARYSVILLE BUDDHIST CHURCH



Nembutsu Seminar in Maui

"How do we "read while departing from discrimination/self-calculation"? It means that instead of reading the sutras, we allow the sutras to read us."

The Late Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi, Kangaku Scholar



Rev. Yuki Sugahara

once a vibrant place, filled with laughter, now left in devastation. As I gazed at the ruins, the nembutsu naturally came out from my lips. I turned to Hironaka Sensei and asked, "What do you think? What does this nembutsu mean? Why did it arise from me as I witnessed this heart-breaking scene?" He replied, "Amida Buddha is always by our side, calling to us, 'Your sorrow is my sorrow,' and embracing us in our grief." I thought it was a beautiful response. While it is we who recite the nembutsu, when we trace its origin, we find it is the mind of Amida Buddha, through the Primal Vow, that causes us to recite it.

At the seminar, I shared a few passages from the late Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi, which I recently translated from Japanese into English. The words I quoted at the beginning were ones I found in Kakehashi Sensei's teachings. I believe they are crucial for living a life grounded in Buddhism.

We often try to fit Bud-



(Picture: Lahaina. There were so many homes...)

dhist teachings into the "box" of our own knowledge and understanding. But being a Buddhist doesn't mean picking and choosing the teachings that are convenient for us. Rather, we immerse ourselves in the "soup" of the Dharma, coming to understand who we truly are through the teachings. This is what Kakehashi Sensei meant when he said, "Instead of reading the sutras, we allow the sutras to read us." When I read those words, I thought of a CT scan.

Once in my twenties, I experienced severe stomach pain. I assumed the pain would pass within a day, but it persisted for several days. Eventually, I went to the hospital, where

the doctor explained that they would need to use CT scan to scan my body and see what was going on inside. After undergoing a CT scan, I was diagnosed with diverticulitis. As a result, I couldn't eat or drink for about a week and had to rely on an IV drip. Initially, I had self-diagnosed that my stomach pain would soon go away, but the CT scan revealed the real issue.

This experience is similar to how we live our lives. Our understanding is limited, yet we often believe that whatever fits within the "box" of our own knowledge is all that exists. But the sutras, the Buddha's teachings, of-

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President's Message

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There are people that are experiencing traumatic changes and loss because of extreme weather changes. Our hearts go out to those who are living through extreme heat, wildfires, tornados, and hurricanes. November is also a time of being thankful. Let us be thankful for what we have and think about those who are experiencing dramatic changes in their lives.

There is a change, a good change, at the Marysville Buddhist Church that I would like to share with you. I would like to introduce Girl Scout Troop 94 who will be utilizing the JACL room for their meetings. They will be meeting twice a month on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. They were looking for a larger room and a location that was more central for their troop members. They are so excited and happy to be meeting at our temple! The location was perfect and the room was perfect. We, the MBC Board of Directors, are very happy to be of service and welcome Troop 94 to our temple. I would like

to thank Ron Yoshimura of the Marysville JACL for granting permission to use the JACL room for their meetings and would also like to thank Jim Edgman and Darrell Naruto for offering to be the Custodial Supervisors for their meetings. They will be on the premises during their meetings and will open and close the church facilities.

Upcoming Service

November Shotsuki Hoyo, Hoonko, and Pet Memorial Service

Sunday, November 3, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Patti Oshita

This service will combine all three services:

November Shotsuki

Hoyo - In memory of those who have passed away in the month of November. The November Shotsuki names are read and those family and friends in attendance may offer incense in memory of their loved ones.

Hoonko - Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service - Hoonko means to gather to repay the debt of gratitude. This service is in memory of our founder Shinran Shonin.

through this understanding of our afflictions that we come to appreciate Amida Buddha's vow to embrace and never abandon us.

Gassho

Rev. Sugahara

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fer us a perspective that reveals who we truly are, showing us the nature of our afflictions. It is

Updated Office Hours

**Tuesday and Friday -
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Office will be closed on Friday,
Nov. 29, for Thanksgiving Holiday**

If you wish to stop by the church, please do so during those hours. Please contact the church at 530-743-6426 and let us know what day and time you would like to stop by. Please park on the 2nd street side of the church and enter through the Social Room door.



Girl Scout Troop 94

Pet Memorial - In memory of our beloved pets who are also considered members of our family. You may bring photos or drawings of your beloved pets. You may also write the names of your pet(s) and we will place your pet name(s), photo or drawing up on the altar. We will have cardstock paper and markers at the

beginning of the service if you would like to write your pet's name or draw a picture of your pet.

Everyone is invited for refreshments following the service in the Social Room. Come one, come all! Look forward to seeing you on November 3rd!

Please take care!
Gassho



CONDOLENCES

The Marysville Buddhist Church would like to extend condolences to the following families for the loss of their loved ones.

Shoichi Soapy Naruto who passed away on September 18, 2024.

Jiro Okikawa who passed away on September 28, 2024.

Wyman Wong who passed away on October 9, 2024.

Pond and Garden September Notes

BY JIM EDGMAN

There are all sorts of baby sparrows this morning, I'm seeing at least a dozen. A few days ago, I saw one of our squirrels, so I put his snacks out. Two days ago, our Kingfisher was here. I haven't seen him for a while. He was fishing from the banks on a rock. I've watched him fish in the pond numerous times and know his technique and the behavior of the Koi when he is doing that. This was the first time I watched him catch a Mosquito fish from the bank. How he managed to do that without falling into the pond puzzles me. He stretched out and extended himself and grabbed a fish in under a split second. It was just a blur and left me wondering if I really saw it. (extremely fast!)

This morning there is a whole group of young baby sparrows playing in the waterfall splashing and bathing, just having a blast. A Hummingbird is busy flying around. One of our doves is sitting on a rock by the fence. Now the Sparrows are all on top of the Kansho tower drying off and sunbathing. Sitting on the bench I'm simply amazed not just by their numbers, but also by how much they love to play. I counted 16 on the Kansho. Oh, to be young and have that much



energy! Our church is renting out part of our facilities to a young Girl Scout troop. Gosh, it would be nice to have young ones around again.

I serviced the skimmer pods this morning. That chore is every 2 to 3 days. I flushed out the manifold system and while I was about it also tended Taro Island. It seems like I just did that. I notice that we have a mid-size Green Praying Mantis living on the island. It looks like a nice place to live.

I don't think I want to claim the Skunks as ours. They live across the street and come here to forage. Gosh, they have been busy digging and tearing things up. They seem to be good at looking left and right before crossing the street.

Our ailing fish from the 2023 Obon hasn't eaten for 3 weeks. He's come down a few times at feeding time, but the others have run him off. He needs to pass another rock or two before he feels well enough to hold his own against the others. I've been keeping an eye on him.

Everything is OK
In Gassho,
Jim



SAVE THE DATE:
2025 New Year's Party
Saturday, January 25, 2025
12:00 p.m.
MBC Hall Annex
More information to follow.



November Services

On **Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**, November Shotsuki Hoyo, Hoonko, and Pet Memorial Service. Rev. Patti Oshita will officiate. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Reminder: Alarm System

Our temple now has an alarm system in place. ADT has installed door alarms and motion sensors throughout the premise of our temple. Please contact the Church Office at 530-743-6426 if you wish to have access to the church premises.

NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

The November monthly memorial service will be observed on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 1 p.m. officiated by Rev. Patti Oshita.

Deceased & Relationship

Tamayo Furodo
Rikihei Yokota
Yasohachi Komatsubara
Aki Matsumura (M)
Nayo Ishimoto (GGM)
Itsuo Okano
Takayuki Ariyama
Bunichi Nishita
Tsune Hasegawa
Yoshimatsu Kinoshita (GU)
Shina Okimoto (GM)
Masaru Hasegawa
Tomizo Sankai (Fr)
Kamazo Azama (FIL)
Takeshi Takeuchi (F)
Yoshimi Matsumura (H)
Ichiyo Nishita
Katsunobu Sakamoto (U)
Jerry Marumoto (B)
Frank Nakatani
Kinichi Hayashi (GF)
James Terujo Nakagawa (F)
Masao Tanisaki
Shigeru Komatsubara (H)

Sesshu Family

Shingu Family
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Komatsubara Family
Ann Nakata
Shelley Glines
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Satoru Ishigaki
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May Umeyo Fukushima (M)
Misuyo Shimamoto (M)
George Nobuyuki Kinoshita (F)
Midori Kagehiro
Mitsuru Okidoi (GM)
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Christopher Nick Honda (H)
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Roy Hatamiya (B)

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Don Tokunaga
IMO: Jim Fukui, Hideso Fukui, Mabel Yoshikawa
Fumi Fukumitsu
Lisa Komatsubara
IMO: Sumito Nabeta
Irene Nabeta-Yee
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53rd ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S O-MOCHI FUNDRAISER



Dear Members and Friends... As a service to our members and the community, we have again made arrangements with outside sources to prepare o-mochi to fill the orders.

Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 8, 2024. Please fill in the order form below and return it to the Marysville Buddhist Church office. If you have any questions, please call Craig or Janet Nakagawa at (530) 743-8154 or the church at (530) 743-6426 or email office@marysvillebc.org.

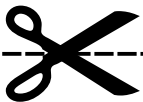
Orders will be ready for **PICK UP ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024 FROM 2 TO 4 PM**

at the Buddhist Church of Marysville Annex,
125 B Street, Marysville, CA.

Please post this notice as a reminder to pick up your orders.
We thank you and appreciate your continued support.

In Gassho..... Buddhist Church of Marysville

Cut along line and return order form below



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ORDER DEADLINE DATE: **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024**

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P. O. Box 1462
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Pond & Garden: Thank you to Scott Itamura & Jim Edgman for garden upkeep & cleanup.

September 15th Shotsuki & Ohigan Service: Thank you to Pat Uyemoto for playing the organ, thank you to Kahn Kochi for chairing the service, & thank you to Terrie Matsumoto for reading the September Shotsuki names.

Refreshments: Thank you to the following for providing treats for the September Shotsuki & Ohigan Service on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

Chicken Curry – Terrie Matsumoto
Rice – Kahn Kochi
Ninamasu – Carol Tsukimura
Cucumber Tsukemono – Janis Tokunaga
Peach Cobbler – Kahn Kochi
Kuri Manju – Rev. Yuki
Fresh Strawberries – Suzanne Nakashima

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THE INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES’ 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

An afternoon to commemorate the past, present, and future of our school. Join us for faculty and student presentations, a photo retrospective, memorial service, and reception.

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To hear Bishop Harada’s message. Press 1 for English, 2 for Japanese or 3 for Spanish.

Arigato Gozaimasu

Marysville Buddhist Church would like to extend a special thank you for the following donations:

- * **Richard & Haruko Arent** - Boys Day Koi Nobori Set.
- * **Shelly Glines & the Kinoshita Family** - Obutsudan, candles, incense, and photos.

PART 2

Can We Grow Relationship Lotuses from Muddy Conflicts?
Strategies for Dealing with Internal Conflicts



Wed. November 13 | 5-6 PM PT | Online

In this seminar, Gregg will offer some ideas of what to do and what not to do, based on his experience with Japanese Psychology and Buddhism.

GUEST SPEAKER
Gregg Krech
Thirtythousanddays.org

Author of five books, and founder of the ToDo Institute, an Education and Retreat Center for Japanese Psychology in Vermont. He is one of the leading authorities on Japanese psychology in North America.

MODERATOR
Rev. Marvin Harada



“Much appreciation for the clear format, techniques provided and when and where they can be applied towards conflict resolution”
—Arlene KN, Part 1 Participant

Register for Free: forms.gle/hii95tomv2Eypr1x5




NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Shoichi Soapy Naruto Memorial Service & Otoki 11 a.m.
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Ho-Onko Service, Nov. Shotsuki Hoyo, Pet Memorial 1 p.m. Rev. Patti Oshita MBC Board Mtg 10:30 a.m.			JACL Board Meeting 2 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 94 Meeting 5:30 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
No Service – Church Closed				Newsletter Crew 10 a.m. Girl Scout Troop 94 Meeting 5:30 p.m.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Thanksgiving Day	Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	

DECEMBER 2024

Dec. 8 – Bodhi Day Service & Dec. Shotsuki Hoyo 1 p.m. MBC Annual General Meeting 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 15 – No Service – Office Closed Dec. 31 – Joya-E (New Year's Eve) Service 11 a.m.



2025 HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Anyone wishing to be included in the New Year's greeting in our January 2025 Newsletter should submit your names by **December 10, 2024**, with a \$10.00 donation.

Please fill in the order form below and return it to the Marysville Buddhist Church office.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone No. _____ Email: _____

Names to be listed:

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We thank you and appreciate your continued support.

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