



Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

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(MYOKYO, the Bright Mirror of Buddha Dharma always illuminates our LIFE)

November 2023

Temple Mission Statement "To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."

Sensei's Message



Thanksgiving, a Time of Reflection and Memory Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy November everyone! I can't believe that the year is almost over. As we enter Thanksgiving season, I can't help but think of Shinran Shonin's Ondokusan Wasan. We sing it quite a few times for our services, but the English translation reads,

"Such is the benevolence of Amida's great compassion
That we must strive to return it, even to the breaking of our bodies;
Such is the benevolence of the masters and true teachers,
That we must endeavor to repay it, even to our bones becoming dust."

This comes from Shinran's, Hymns of the Dharma Ages. It expresses his deep gratitude to the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. He shares his strong feeling that we must all do our utmost to repay the immense gift of the teachings to the best of our abilities. This makes me think on my personal experience of learning in Japan and receiving the education from many talented sensei.

Going through Gonshiki (The ritual and chanting school of the head temple), many of the teachers and priests of Hongwanji spent so much time with us students to ensure that we received the best education and instruction possible. Many days we would have classes and practice from 7 a.m. in the morning till 7 p.m. at night. If I thought that I had it difficult the teachers of Gonshiki were expected to stay longer to make sure everything was wrapped up tight.

Towards the end of my time in Japan, I wanted to make sure I gave some gifts to the sensei to express my gratitude to them. I bought them all cookies from Mt. Hiei. When I brought them over, they graciously accepted but one of the elder sensei pulled me aside and thanked me for my gift. He also reminded me that he felt a sense of duty to help pass on these teachings and rituals to the future generations and that this is one of the many reasons why he teaches at Gonshiki. He told me to assist nurturing future priests and members of Jodo Shinshu as well.

It is very important to thank our teachers and to show them this gratitude every now and then with gifts or cards of appreciation. However, one of the greatest gifts that a teacher can receive is sharing their teachings with others and doing our best to live by them as well. As the season of Thanksgiving comes closer, I am deeply thankful to all of the teachers who spent time with me and taught me all that I know today. I am grateful that I am fortunate enough to receive the teachings of Master Shinran and Shakyamuni Buddha. I am grateful to Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion.

President's Message





Here in the Northwest, we have a tradition that we've maintained for over 75 years. The Northwest District Buddhist Convention. When I've attended national BCA meetings and conferences over the years, temple leaders from outside our region are often amazed to learn that we hold an annual convention, as we are the only district to host such an event. This reaction always gives me a bit of pride on how unique we are in the Northwest. That our small district, comprised of five Washington and two Oregon temples (making up less than 6% of the

BCA membership in the U.S.), can maintain such a unique tradition.

This tradition though, is currently undergoing considerable stress. There is a declining membership within our district's temples, coupled with a smaller percentage of our current members opting to attend the convention. These both have had a huge impact on attendance at this annual event. Therefore, while we can look proudly at the Northwest's long tradition of hosting the convention, we realize that changes need to be made to revitalize it, to ensure it has a future.

As an initial step in this revitalization process, we will be asking all members for their thoughts. In early December, you will be receiving the opportunity (via online and paper questionnaires), to provide your input on what would make attending the convention more compelling for you and your family. We will be asking your thoughts on desired format, location, cost and content. I would encourage each of you to take the time to make sure your voice is heard.

Gassho, John

Buddhist Women's Association News



Tacoma BWA wishes to thank Tacoma Buddhist Temple and the Buddhist Education Committee for the wonderful fall seminar and special Eshinni and Kakushinni Memorial Service featuring Rev. Blayne Higa. It was so nice to hear the Dharma and honor and celebrate the contributions of Eshinni and Kakushinni at the seminar and service with so many members of our temple and community!

BWA will prepare Daifuku Mochi for the upcoming Temple Bazaar. Please mark your calendars and join us on:

- Friday, November 3rd at 10 am to make 'An balls
- Saturday, November 4th at 8:30 am to prepare Daifuku Mochi.

Other upcoming events:

October 15-December 3rd: BWA Food & Clothing Drive

November 26th: Coffee and Craft (stay posted for possible time shift of this activity to after service)

January 28th, 2024: BWA New Years Luncheon – following service

In Gassho,

Denise Cline | Tacoma BWA President

Dharma School News



The fall is in full swing, and our Temple has fun activities for not just DS students but for everybody.



October 29th is a Halloween party hosted by YBA. EVERYONE is invited. There will be pizza and games for everybody. I'm looking forward to seeing your Halloween costumes! **November 12**th is our annual Bazaar. Our DS graduate, Emma Inge, is taking a lead to this big

fundraising event for the first time. DS families are encouraged to help this event. Volunteering at Bazaar will count as the DS attendance. Let's support our Senpai Emma!

December 3rd is DS students' favorite event of the year, Gingerbread house making. June Akita is volunteering her time and effort to make this happen. Thank you, June! DS families, please bring one candy bag to decorate houses on that day.

Birthday Celebration: Celebrating DS students' birthdays (BD) during the service has been the tradition and made possible by the generous donation from **Lynne and Ken Tanino family**. Instead of celebrating every month as we used to do, we will combine it to 3 times a year:

- a. October 22, 2023 (Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec. birthdays)
- b. February 25, 2024 (Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr. birthdays)
- c. June 2, 2024 (May/Jun/Jul/Aug. birthdays)
 Note to DS families: the date has changed from June 9th

We will celebrate DS students' BD <u>AND</u> DS teacher's BD, so that kids don't feel uncomfortable standing in front of Sangha members. **Erina Foote** volunteered again this year to prepare the presents. Thank you, Erina! Parents, please try to bring your kids when their birthday will be celebrated.

November-December Dharma School Schedule:

| November | 5 | DS | Class |
|----------|----|-------|--|
| | 12 | NO DS | Bazaar (Volunteering counts as attendance) |
| | 19 | DS | Class |
| | 26 | NO DS | Thanksgiving weekend |
| December | 3 | DS | Gingerbread House making by June |
| | 10 | DS | Class |
| | 17 | DS | Classroom Clean up |
| | 24 | NO DS | Christmas weekend |
| | 31 | NO DS | New Year's Eve service-10 am |

If there are any changes in the future, we will contact you accordingly.

In Gassho,

Junko & Coco

Young Buddhist Association News



Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is having a good fall so far, just a couple of YBA updates I have here. Firstly, YBA is very excited to be helping make signs, set up, and basically just contribute to the Bazaar, and Oshogatsu (New Years) this year and try our best to do our part! Also, YBA is having a Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays Fundraiser! It's a great way to send everyone holiday/season wishes and would love if you could help support us!

Anyway, the attached flyer (page 15) in your Myokyo provides all the information and if you have any questions, please let me or any of the YBA members know! Have a good rest of your November!

Gassho, Nao

Buddhist Education Committee News



In October, we were fortunate to welcome Rev. Blayne Higa all the way from Kona Hongwanji in Hawai'i. A friend of Rev. Koyama, he spoke at two of our annual events, the Fall Seminar (hosted by the BEC) and the Eshinni and Kakushinni Memorial service (hosted by the BWA). Rev. Higa is a well-known speaker and the in-person audience of over 30 people included visitors from Palo Alto, Portland, Seattle, and White River, as well as folks joining on zoom from as far away as Denver and Salt Lake City.

In his several talks over the weekend, Rev. Higa drew from his experience as a minister and a chaplain to share with us his understanding of the gratitude, love, and radical acceptance--of both ourselves and others-that are the heart of Shin Buddhist teachings. For those who were not able to hear him speak, I would like to share his concise statement of "Shin Buddhist Wisdom for Living" which he outlined during the Fall Seminar.

- To be human is to be perfectly imperfect
- We are affirmed just as we are
- We are healed when we know that we are not alone
- Gratitude has the power to transform our lives
- Nembutsu is true resilience and joy

May we all accept ourselves and find gratitude every day. Namu Amidabutsu.

- Erik Hammerstrom



Facility Committee Update



According to whistleblowers, the Federal Government has gotten its mitts on some crashed UFOs and is attempting to reverse engineer those technologically superior craft. I bet my bottom dollar that extraterrestrials, over millions of years, never suffered any mishaps until they encountered certain earthlings your Facilities & Grounds Committee knows all too well—Gremlins. Lucky for us, while those troublemakers were focused on flying saucers, we successfully installed a new toilet seat in the men's bathroom

next to Reverend Pratt room without a hitch.

Tom Hubbell, a most discerning and meticulous member of Facilities, has proposed some improvements to our sound system. During the last seminar, feedback and cutouts were distracting from excellent presentations. Both issues were linked to the speakers' location. Somebody who wants to take the 5th (why are y'all thinking of me?) recommended a Feng Shui consultant. Instead of relying on ancient wisdom, Tom is recommending new microphones. Yea, yea, yea I guess that'll work.

Rick Tanabe, Delbert Sasaki, Jeff Hiroo, and Mike Shiogi are providing our grounds professional care.

Lynrae Hubbell is ever diligent in keeping Fawcett Avenue and Court D street debris free. David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki are the core of consistent efforts to keep our temple in great shape.

~Dave

Toban News





November November Toban-set up Temple Clean up with December Toban

November 12 Fall Craft & Food Bazaar 11 AM – 2 PM

November 18 9 AM Spirit, Mind, & Body

November 19 8:30 AM Board Meeting, Eitaikyo Service, Coffee Hour after service

November 26 TBD BWA Coffee & Craft

December 3 Bodhi Day Service, General Mtg., Potluck Lunch, BWA Clothing Drive Ends

December 10 Last Day of DS 2023, Coffee Hour after service

December 17 Board Meeting, 8:30, Temple Clean-up

December 24 No Service

December 31 Year End Service - 10 AM

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**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW 2024 TOBAN ROSTER AND CHAIRPERSONS

COFFEE HOUR UPDATES: Toban Chairs - November (Kara & Kt), December (Jeff & Vivian Hiroo).

DATES: November 19. December 10

All Toban Chairs: Please email or call your Toban Groups to let them know of the above activities, especially for the set-up and clean-up of temple events occurring during your Toban months. Also arrange times for the

monthly clean-up of the temple. Clean-up duties and supply list are posted in the kitchen ONLY. **NEW PORTABLE VACUUM CLEANERS ARE LOCATED IN THE CLOSET BEHIND THE ALTAR**.

Coffee Hours: All coffee hours will be held in the social hall for now. Set up tables and chairs (take down after it's over). Provide coffee, tea, etc. Snacks can be made or store bought.

Questions/concerns, please contact Michael Shiogi (253) 226-5812, mshiogi@comcast.net or Tracy Ling (253) 370-0933, tling12005@gmail.com

| NOVEMBER TOBAN | DECEMBER TOBAN | JANUARY TOBAN (2024) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Kara & KT Hendrix O'Toole | Jeff & Vivian Hiroo | Jill Case |
| Merlaine & Josiah Cook | Denise Cline | Erin Shen |
| Claire Silver | Delbert & Cynthia Sasaki | Diane Taniguchi |
| Gavin Morgan | Craig O'Hanlon | June & Jerry Akita |
| Tom & Lynrae Hubbell | Joel Robinson | Tets & Martha Tamaki |
| Fujiko Yoshikawa | Tisha Tisdale | Thelma Abe |
| Nancy Butterfield | Tad & Joan Kajimura | |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP WITH OUR TEMPLE. Tracy Ling/Michael Shiogi



Library News

Available in the library:

➤ You Belong. A Call for Connection Sebene Selassie (a book club book)
Mentioned in Rev. Koyama's Dharma message:

- Ocean: An Intro to Judo Shinshu Buddhism in America Kenneth Tanaka
 River of Fire, River of Water Unno Taitetsu In Jodo Shinshu section
- > The Four Noble Truths Dalai Lama In Dalai Lama section

Greeter's List

- 12 FALL BAZAAR
- 19 Tony Gregg/Jim Doyle
- 26 Tracy Ling/David Campbell

December 3 Gavin Morgan/Del Sasaki

- 10 Jeff Hiroo/Patti Wong
- 17 Kara O'Toole/Kt Hendrie
- 24 NO SERVICE
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE (Joya-e)

14 June & Barry Weled

Greeter's Notes

Please have new visitors sign in their name and give them the following booklets:

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink or a white/green cover)
- ½-page list of Temple Activities & "Want More Info."
- Extra supplies are in the ministers' room off the hondo.

Lastly, please do a headcount and enter it in the attendance sheet in the visitor folder. If you are not available on the day you are assigned, please find your replacement.

Yearly Memorial Service

Memorial Service Years for 2023

| 1st Year - 2022 | 17 th Year - 2007 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 rd Year - 2021 | 25 th Year - 1999 |
| 7 th Year - 2017 | 33 rd Year - 1991 |
| 13 th Year - 2011 | 50 th Year - 1974 |

Memorial Service Years for 2024

| 1 st Year - 2023 | 17 th Year - 2008 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 rd Year - 2022 | 25 th Year - 2000 |
| 7 th Year - 2018 | 33 rd Year - 1992 |
| 13 th Year - 2012 | 50 th Year - 1975 |



| 33 rd Year | Ray Konishi | November | 16, | 1991 |
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December 2023

| 7 th Year | Ryomi Tanino | December 8, 2017 |
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| 25 th Year | Tazu Abe | December 16, 1999 |
| 33 rd Year | Shigeo Oka | December 16, 1991 |
| 33 rd Year | Shogo Hiroo | December 29, 1991 |

January 2024

| 1st Year | Shinobu Inoue | January 9, 2023 |
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| 13 th Year | Toshiko Dogen | January 10, 2012 |
| 13 th Year | Chizuko Shigio | January 22, 2012 |
| 17 th Year | Kazuo Nakamura | January 9, 2008 |
| 25 th Year | Chiyeko Hisayasu | January 7, 2000 |
| 25 th Year | Wakako Kobayashi Ross | January 26, 2000 |
| 50 th Year | Kiku Honda | January 10, 1975 |

Book Club Thursday, November 9 7 pm @ King's Book

The Way of Tenderness: Awakening through Race, Sexuality and Gender

Earthlyn Zenju Manuel





Tacoma Buddhist Temple participated in this year's Tacoma Moon Festival (September 9) which is presented by the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation. There was a lot of interest in our table but the star of the event was Rachel Meatte who taught children and adults the art of origami, specifically making cranes and butterflies.

Thank you to the following who helped staff the booth: Rachel Meatte, Gavin Morgan, John Inge, Jane Burster, Kenji Shipp, Alex Theisen, David Yotsuuye, Barry Weled, and June Weled.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE 11/2023

There has been a committee that has been working on a plan to try to address safety protocols around the Temple. Members Alex Theisen, Nate Foote, Kevin Ikeda, Jim Doyle, Gavin Morgan, Karen Yoshitomi, June Weled, Brian Laughlin, Michael Shiogi, Coco Inoue, and Junko Yotsuuye have been meeting to address these needs. In September, we did an all-Temple earthquake, fire drill, and information session for the Dharma School students and the Sangha. President John Inge wanted this plan and drill to be ready to try in September because of the start of Dharma School. Our children practice these drills all the time in their schools. Why shouldn't we? We will continue to address situations like Lockdowns, Disruptive Visitor, Volcano/Lahar, Shelter in Place, Weather Situations, Temple Activities, etc. The committee is planning to have more informational sessions for the Sangha on these situations. Hopefully, members can use this information for their own use at their homes.

Four of our Temple members have agreed to be Incident Commanders in case of an emergency at the Temple. We appreciate Nate Foote, Brian Laughlin, Tom Hubbell, and David Yotsuuye for taking on this huge responsibility. They are given the task of organizing, managing, delegating, and preparing protective measures during an emergency. Reverend Koyama has given his support to the Incident Commanders to make these decisions.

More information will be shared in the future. Any questions, please see any of the above members. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Spirit, Mind, and Body Workshop: Origami with Josiah Cook

Frog legs...they may be tasty, they're the darnedest things to fold, origami ones that is. But thanks to the teachings of member Josiah Cook, I became quite good at it. I don't know though how successful the other 13 friends who gathered with us in the social hall Sunday, 08 October were with frog legs. Folding the cicada was the easy entry task, and then the rigor became much more difficult. We had though been forewarned.

Listening to Josiah's calm reassuring voice guiding us through the increasingly difficult folds over the sound system and watching his steady hands folding beautiful origami projected on the screen were all we really needed. We successfully converted small and smooth decorative sheets of origami paper into large paper cicadas and small paper frogs. Although the fact that he made his rounds checking in with each of us and the help of our elbow partners contributed to our success as well.

It was fascinating to learn this centuries old craft has been borrowed to improve the tools we use including the folding/collapsing and unfolding/expanding of satellite dishes, as well as medical tools used on the human body. But more fascinating was what Josiah shared with us regarding his experience with how origami helped him focus and relax despite his unfocused nature. That day origami also seemed to help with my hand-eye coordination, boost my creativity, and enhance my capacity to be patient and persistent.

I think we need an origami Josiah to stand in our foyer. Who wants to fold with me?









Japanese Donation Items are Welcomed!

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple collects Japanese items as part of our heritage and fundraising efforts. The list provides general information to the categories we appreciate from the community. If you'd like to donate, please contact info@tacomabt.org to schedule a time for your drop off. For members, please drop off items on our stage in the social using the paper tag to identify your name and items.

We appreciate the donations and reserve the right to not accept the donation based on the category.

ACCEPTED JAPANESE ITEMS

Japanese Art: Scrolls, ukiyo-e prints, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, screens, posters. Japanese Books: Cookbooks only.

Japanese Clothing and Dance Accessories: Happi coat, kimono, obi, kanzashi, geta, zori, haori, hakama, yukata, Japanese handbags, tabi, kimono under garments, ties and sashes. Uchiwa, tenugui, sensu (folding fan), castanets, kasa (Japanese umbrella).

Japanese Kitchen & Cooking Items: Rice cookers (shamoji), mochi machines, donabe (hot pot), sushi molds.

Japanese Musical Instruments: hakuhachi, koto, taiko drums.

Obutsudan and accessories: Family-owned altar, small to mid-sized that is easily transportable.

Japanese Tablewares: chawan, teapots, tea sets, sake sets, Japanese dishes, ceramics, miso bowls, dishes, plates and platters.

Japanese Textiles: kimono material, furoshiki and other Japanese made fabrics, table clothes and placemats.

Japanese Toys: kendama, tako (kites), hagoita, koma (tops), shogi, Go, hanafuda (card game).

Items we will NOT accept:

Appliances (home equipment) – e.g. Refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, etc.

Beauty Products (cosmetics) - e.g. perfume, shampoo, soaps

Bed Parts – e.g. mattresses or frames

Clothes – shoes, jackets, purses, pants, etc.

Non-Japanese Books and Records – Encyclopedias, magazines, newspapers, albums, history books, etc.

Electronics – e.g. cameras, laptops, televisions, stereos, peripheral equipment

Furniture – e.g. couches, tables, office furniture, lamps, shelves, night stands, chairs, empty picture frames, rugs, etc. Heavily Damaged Items – e.g. picture frames with shattered glass, chipped bowls, punctured artwork, heavily soiled clothing

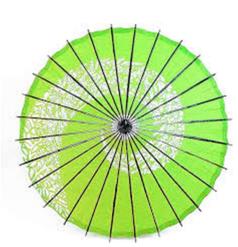
Japanese American Historical Items – e.g. camp furniture, camp jewelry, immigration documentation

Office Supplies – e.g. binders, paper, pencils, folders (unique Japanese items accepted)

VHS - Any VHS equipment or video cassette







The Tacoma Buddhist Temple - Young Buddhist Association (YBA) invites you to bring in the new year with a Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays Fundraiser event where you may wish others good cheer for the New Year.

Example 1

Happy Holidays! Wishing you a Great 2024!



From your Tacoma Buddhist Temple Fuji Taiko

Large Greetings Example: 3.5 X 2 INCH

Example 2

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year! Me and my bud!



Medium Greetings Example: 2.5 X 2 INCH

Please submit all information and payment to any YBA member. Thank-you for supporting the Tacoma Buddhist Temple YBA. Gassho: **Nao Wainer (YBA President)**.

Please make checks payable to: *Tacoma Buddhist Temple-YBA*

And mail to: Yotsuuye

3014 43RD AVE NE TACOMA WA 98422

DEADLINE: Sunday, December 17, 2023

YBA HOLIDAY GREETING FUNDRAISER FORM

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

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<u>note</u>: No advertisements may be included but companies may wish Season's Greetings. Reduction of font size may be necessary to accommodate an increase of words posted.



Issho Open Taiko (IOT) is an opportunity to learn beginning level taiko, have fun and play together.

Known for 12 years as "*Open Taiko"*, "*Issho*" has been added to capture the spirit of these sessions.

Sessions occur monthly. Periodically, there are 3-4 session weekly workshops to focus on learning more taiko skills and longer songs for those interested.

Participants (public and TBT members) have ranged in age from teens to 80. IOT is an informal taiko education and "hands on" program without a requirement for regular attendance.

For more information and to register for a session, contact Wendy Hamai at (253) 678-2891 or wfhamai@rainierconnect.com

Donations gratefully accepted by Tacoma Buddhist Temple for sponsorship of this program.

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2024 Toban Roster

| January | | May | | September | |
|--|--|--|--|---|--------------------------|
| Jill Case | 2024 Chair | Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda | 2024 Chair | Kim & Cindy Nakamura | 2024 Chair |
| Erin Shen | 2025 Chair | Masahiro Sugano 2025 Chair | | Todd & Marcia Nakamura | 2025 Chair |
| Diane Taniguchi | 2026 Chair | Rachele Meatte | 2026 Chair | Vicki Yoshioka | 2026 Chair |
| Ĭ i | 2027 Chair | Debby Abe | 2027 Chair | Harumi Sasao | 2027 Chair |
| XX | 2028 Chair | Erik Hammerstrom | 2028 Chair | Alex Theisen | 2028 Chair |
| June & Jerry Akita | | Elsie Taniguchi | | Don Arima & Susan Bogni | |
| Tets & Martha Tamaki | | Kosho & Michiko Yukawa | | Asako Arima (call) | |
| Thelma Abe (call) | | Akemi Ikeda(out of country) | | Danny Otsuka (call) | |
| February | | June | | October | |
| Chikako Inoue | 2024 Chair | David Campbell | 2024 Chair | Merlaine and Josiah Cook | 2024 Chair |
| Kjirsten Winters | 2025 Chair | Jackie & William Poe | 2025 Chair | Claire Silver | 2025 Chair |
| Shizuka Faria | 2026 Chair | Ken & Lynne Tanino | 2026 Chair | Gavin Morgan | 2026 Chair |
| Tracy & Richard Ling | 2027 Chair | Patti Wong | 2027 Chair | | 2027 Chair |
| XX | 2028 Chair | XX | 2028 Chair | Kara O'Toole & Kt Hendrie | 2028 Chair |
| June & Barry Weled | | Darlene Matsumoto | | Fujiko Yoshikawa | |
| Ellen Shigeno | | | | Nancy Butterfield | |
| Peter & Hiromi Lee(out of country) | | Harriett Hatch | | x | |
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| March | | July | | November | |
| Kaila Yoshitomi | 2024 Chair | Kenji Shipp | 2024 Chair | | 2024 Chair |
| Kenzo Yoshitomi | 2025 Chair | David & Kathy Yotsuuye | 2025 Chair | Delbert & Cynthia Sasaki | 2025 Chair |
| Al & Donna Sasaki | 2026 Chair | Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye | 2026 Chair | Joel Robinson | 2026 Chair |
| Karen Yoshitomi | 2027 Chair | Mike Shiogi | 2027 Chair | Jeff & Vivian Hiroo | 2027 Chair |
| XX | 2028 Chair | XX | 2028 Chair | XX | 2028 Chair |
| Kazuko Inoue | | Leroy & Penny Kawaguchi | | Tad & Joan Kajimura | |
| Rose Kishi | | Chizuka Yotsuuye | | Trisha Tisdale | |
| Ed & Kimiko Fujinaga | | Yoshie Yotsuuye | | Emiko & John Kurata | |
| Ted Matsumoto | | | | | |
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| April | | August | | December | |
| Henry Stoll & Wendy Hamai | 2024 Chair | Emma & Kate Inge | 2024 Chair | Meesa Pedrozo | 2024 Chair |
| Riu Pittman & Victoria Evert | | | | | |
| | 2025 Chair | Rick Tanabe | 2025 Chair | Nate & Erina Foote | 2025 Chair |
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| | *November 2023 | | | | | | | |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | | |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 BWA make 'an 10:00 AM | 4 BWA mochi making 8:30 AM | | |
| 5 End of Daylight Savings Sunday Service 10 am Dharma School After Service | 6 | 7 | 8 Study class Via Zoom at 6 pm | 9 Book Club at King's Books 7 pm | 10 | 11 Bazaar Food Prep | | |
| 12 Fall Bazaar Take-out food, Bake Sale Rummage Sale 11 am-2 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Spirit Mind and Body Yoga For Compassion 9 am Temple Social Hall Taught by Kara O'Toole | | |
| Board meeting 8:30 am Eitaikyo Service 10 am Dharma School After Service Coffee Hour 11 am | 20 Myokyo Deadline | 21 | 22 | 23 Thanksgiving | 24 | 25 | | |
| 26 Sunday Service at 10 am BWA Coffee & Craft TBD | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
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| 10 Sunday Service 10 am Dharma School After Service Coffee Hour After Service | 11 | 12 | 13 Study class Via Zoom at 6 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 Spirit Mind and Body Yoga For Compassion 9 am Temple Social Hall Taught by Kara O'Toole | | |
| 17 Board meeting at 8:30 am Sunday Service 10 am Temple Clean Up After Dharma School Clean-up | 18 Myokyo Deadline | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | |
| 24 No Sunday Service 31 New Year's Eve Service - 10 AM | 25 Christmas Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

DECEMBER **31**







NEW YEAR'S EVE NEW YEAR'S DAY

Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Come celebrate at Tacoma Buddhist Temple!

New Year's Eve Service: December 31, 2023 @ 10am

Toshikoshi Soba after service.

New Year's Day Service: January 1, 2024 @ 10am

Ozoni after service