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Obon/Hatsubon Service **Sunday, July 27, 10:00am**

Obon (お盆) is an annual Buddhist event commemorating one's ancestors, whose spirits are believed to temporarily return to this world in order to visit their relatives during Obon. Most temples in the BCA, Hawaii, Japan, and other areas observe Obon each year, usually in the months of June through August.

Our temple's annual Obon/Hatsubon Service will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025, at 10:00am. We are delighted to have Reverend Harry Bridge, Resident Minister of the Buddhist Church of Oakland and Shin Ministerial Program Coordinator, as our guest speaker. Invitations have been mailed out for this special service, which includes a convenient envelope for your Dana offering. Online donations are also welcome! We hope you will attend this important service.

Hatsubon, or "First Obon", is the special service in the Jodo Shinshu tradition to remember our loved ones who have passed away since last Obon, as well as others who have gone before us, with utmost gratitude.

Hatsubon families, especially, are invited to attend to honor their loved ones. *(Please see list below)*

Hatsubon List – In Memory of:

Mr. Hisao James Kochi	Mrs. May Fumiko Saiki
Mrs. Jean Reiko Terashita	Mr. Carlos Yukio Murakami
Mr. Susumu Yenokida	Mr. Terrence Jun Hirata
Mrs. Mary Kikuko Itaya	Mrs. Harumi Tanaka
Mrs. Hiroko Hirota	Dr. Ken Nobel Oshidari



Message from Reverend Candice...

By: Reverend Candice Shibata, Resident Minister

How Do We Meet Grief?

Growing up I heard that deaths happen in 3's. An old wives' tale or perhaps a superstition? Although as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists we are encouraged to not believe in wives' tales or superstitions, this condition of impermanence in my life and for those close to me, became a harsh reality. Sadly, my brother's passing occurred in March, my dear uncle passed away in May, and one of my best friends (Doreen) lost her mother in June. Each of these deaths have deeply affected me and I feel like my grief has been impacted by the preceding and by the following passing of each loved one.

I have known my best friend, Doreen, since college. I was a transfer student from San Joaquin Delta College and was preparing to transfer to California State University, Sacramento. I was introduced to Doreen by our mutual best friend, Valerie, as they were classmates pursuing degrees in speech pathology and audiology, respectively. Doreen and I hit it off right away and before I knew it, the three of us were arranging to move into an off-campus townhouse together in Sacramento.

I had the pleasure of meeting Doreen's parents, Anthony and Marjorie, shortly after we met and they always welcomed me to their home in Vallejo. They treated and loved me and our friends like their own daughters. They were very hard-working parents and commuted to San Francisco from Vallejo for work in the hospitality and hotel industry. They looked forward to their retirement to rest, relax, and travel together.

Shortly after Uncle Anthony's retirement, he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In the midst of his treatment and as he urged his daughter to continue planning, Doreen was preparing for her wedding as well. While I was attending the Institute of Buddhist Studies for graduate school, Doreen's father lost his battle to pancreatic cancer just three months following her wedding day.

(Message from Reverend Candice) – continued

Doreen's mother suffered a major stroke nine years ago and she became the primary caretaker for Aunt Marjorie. Although it was a very trying time for their family, Doreen mentioned that this time was a precious opportunity for them to spend time together and for Doreen to care for her mother, as her mother lovingly took care of her when she was little. To our surprise, Aunt Marjorie was admitted to the hospital on May 30, 2025. It was determined that she suffered a heart attack and was also diagnosed with pneumonia. I was fortunate to have the day off and I traveled to Vacaville to visit Doreen and her mother on June 2nd. Later that evening, I was told that Aunt Marjorie passed away.

We never know when impermanence will strike and leave us in unimaginable pain of losing a parent or a loved one. While on the phone with our two mutual best friends I remember repeating, "Are you sure??? I was just there. I just saw her...I just saw her." I immediately thought about Doreen and could not imagine how she was feeling as I realized, cried, and said, "Both of her parents are gone. She doesn't have her parents anymore."

The Buddhist doctrinal part of me says that Doreen's parents are always with and guiding her. They are no longer suffering from the ailments of birth, old age, sickness, and death. They are no longer blinded by greed, anger, and ignorance and they see things just as they are as enlightened beings. Yes, doctrinally this is true and I believe this as a Buddhist minister.

However, the best friend and pastoral care giver in me also acknowledges that Doreen is not in a place to hear and receive this point of view just yet. Her grief is raw and she is still in disbelief that her mother has passed away. So, how do we comfort our friends when they have experienced such a loss?

Perhaps like Amida Buddha, what I can strive to do is meet Doreen just where she is at in her grief. Just be there. Support her with the basics like bringing over her favorite foods to encourage her to eat. Just sit with listening ears and open arms as needed. Accept where she is and how she is feeling and just embrace her with love and compassion as she learns how to navigate and maneuver through these uncharted waters.

As we know, there is no guidebook when dealing with death. Maybe we can just meet our friends and loved ones where they are at, sit together with their grief, and tell them we love them.

In Gassho,
Rev. Candice Shibata

**President's Message...**

By: Debbie Nakade, Church Board President

Congratulations to our high school and college graduates, and our scholarship awardees. To the grads, how exciting! I know it's a cliché, but you are starting a new chapter in your life. Embrace the challenges that will be coming your way. To our scholarship recipients, your academics and involvement in the church were notable. Going off to college or continuing your college education is so exciting. So many things to learn and experience, both personally and academically. I hope all of you take a minute to reflect on those who helped you get to where you are today. Whether it was your parents, teachers, family, or Rev. Candice and members of the Sangha, they gave you the tools to make good decisions. Please thank them!

I can't believe it's the last day in May and I've started my message. It's due each month on the 15th. I usually start writing on the 14th and submit to Ruby after dinner, sometimes right before midnight, on the 15th. Next month I'm going on a trip, and I start the trip on the 11th. Thus, here I am. I feel like I'm running out of topics for my messages, and I still have 6 more to write. Luckily, during Rev. Candice's book club meeting this past Wednesday, our discussion gave me ideas for this month's Karma message.

For the book club, we're reading "Buddhism of the Heart" by Jeff Wilson. The chapter we discussed on Wednesday was about the first Noble Truth. That has always been my "favorite" teaching. I learned it as "Life *is* suffering". The author writes that the Buddha never said, "Life *IS* suffering" but rather that "Life contains suffering". Wait... What??? I had to wrap my head around that. I have what I call a "sad tale of woe" on a daily basis. I can always find something with the house, car, or my life that is causing my suffering. For example, last week, the neighbor behind me came to my door and let me know that a limb on my pluot tree, which has a huge crop for the first time in 5 years, broke off, fell over the fence and was partly in his pool. SIGH. Was I thankful that there was no damage to the fence or to anything in his yard? No. All I could see was that I had to contact the landscaper to come to help clear the limb, clean up his pool, and seal the tree.

Time has passed since I started this message. My trip is now 5 days to "wheels" up. I am nowhere close to being ready. I haven't even thought about packing. Instead, I'm spending time picking pluots from that same tree and freezing them. They are now ripe, and I am not about to let a bumper crop of fruit fall to the ground. Again, is my life suffering? Of course not. During our book club discussion Reverend Candice asked if we have a connection with the

(President's Message – continued)

Nembutsu or if it is still in development. Obviously, mine is a work in progress. I'm getting better. I do try to practice "every day Nembutsu". I say Namu Amida Butsu when I thin the vegetable garden and discard perfectly good seedlings, or find a dead lizard in the yard, probably Oliver's doing. I remind myself that I have a good life. I try to show gratitude on a daily basis. Even though this trip is literally right around the corner, and I'm running like a headless chicken, I remind myself to be thankful for the opportunity to go on this trip to Japan. It does not come naturally to me as I tend to be a "glass half empty" kind of person. But I'm working on it. Our book club discussion made me recognize that I need to change the way I view everyday life.

So, as I spin and act like the Tasmanian Devil cartoon character, I will remember to take a breath and be grateful for all that I have. I will remind myself that these bumps in the road are a part of my life. I need to be mindful of the bumps and accept them. With that said, I need to start packing. Wheels up now 3 days away! But tonight is taiko practice and a trip to Stockton. YIKES!! Deep breath. Namu Amida Butsu.

Gassho,
Debbie Nakade



Oliver



The Buddhist Church of Stockton would like to extend its sincere congratulations to the following 2025 graduates:

High School

Alexander Kawaguchi – Lincoln High School

Andrew Kawaguchi – Lincoln High School

Maren Uyemura – Lincoln High School

College

Jonathan Asai – University of California, Merced

Kayla Hamamoto – California State University, Chico

Minami Suruki – University of the Pacific

A certificate from the BCA and a gift from the temple were presented to each graduate. We wish all our graduates a happy and successful future!

CONGRATULATIONS

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Buddhist Church of Stockton Scholarship Committee, led by Candy Hayashi, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 scholarship awards.

Congratulations to the following:

Elyse Fujii

\$1,000 – Yoshio & Clara Yamada Memorial

\$ 500 –SBWA (College)

Alex Kawaguchi

\$1,000 – Yutaka "Bob" & Hanae Watanabe Memorial

\$1,000 – BCS – In Memory of Rev. Kenko Hasegawa

\$ 750 – Ryojiro & Seki Yamada Memorial

\$ 500 – Young Buddhist Association (YBA)

Andrew Kawaguchi

\$1,500 – James & Sumiko Kochi Memorial

\$1,000 – Dr. Wilfred & Catherine Gotanda Memorial

\$1,000 – Dr. Deborah Saiki Memorial

\$ 300 – Masamitsu & Mieko Kamagaki Memorial

Maren Uyemura

\$1,000 – Calvin Matsumoto Memorial

\$1,000 – Rev. Tesshin Shibata Memorial

(Increased to \$1,000, this year only)

\$ 500 – SBWA (High School)

\$ 500 – Aichi Shinboku Kai

Emily Wong

\$500 – Dr. John & Caroline Fujimori Memorial

\$500 – Young Adult Buddhist Association (YABA)

\$500 – Adult Buddhist Association (ABA)

The Temple Scholarship Committee extends its gratitude and appreciation to the many scholarship sponsors for their generosity and support to the youth at our temple.

(See photos on pg. 10)

*Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients!
We wish you much success in your future endeavors!*

Buddhist Church of Stockton

Office Hours & Nokotsudo Visitation:

Office Phone: (209) 466-6701

Monday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Friday: 9:00am to 3:00pm

FOR ALL URGENT MATTERS, or if you need to reach Rev. Shibata after hours, please call (209) 810-5601.

**Buddhist Church of Stockton
Obon/Bazaar
Saturday, August 2, 2025
11:00am to 8:30pm**



Our annual Obon/Bazaar is just around the corner!

- **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!**
- **Booth construction dates:** July 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 from 9:00am.
- **Raffle tickets** – turn in stubs/money ASAP.
- Extra raffle tickets are available from the office.
- **Raffle prizes** are requested and appreciated.
- **Bingo prizes** are also requested and appreciated.
- **Donate plants** or containers for the plant booth.
- **Donate baked goods** for the Pastry Booth.
- **Most booth work shifts are:**
(10:00am to 11:00am: Set up – booth chairs)

11:00am to 1:00pm
1:00pm to 3:00pm
3:00pm to 5:00pm
5:00pm to 7:00pm

Bon Odori will be from 7:00 – 8:30pm; however, some outdoor booths may remain open until 8:30pm.

We hope we can count on everyone's support to make this year's Obon/Bazaar one of the best!

Please invite your friends, family, and relatives to volunteer with you and/or just enjoy the festivities, food, and fun!

Day After Bazaar – Sunday, August 3

- **Raffle Drawing** to be held at 9:00am. All winners will be immediately notified.
- **Bazaar Takedown & Cleanup** will begin at **9:00am**. We will need **"all hands-on deck"**. The more people, the faster we can get done. Please help if you can!
- **Lunch** will be provided for all VOLUNTEERS!

Deepest Gratitude from:

Reverend Candice Shibata
Derek Uyemura, Bazaar Chairperson
Darlene Bagshaw & Dr. Alan Kawaguchi, Special Events
Debbie Nakade, Church Board President

**2025 Bazaar T-Shirts
\$30.00 ea. (Black)**

(Front)

(Back)



Bazaar T-Shirts are here!

T-Shirts will be available for purchase during:

- *Obon Practices (see schedule below),*
- *Obon Service on July 27, or from the*
- *Temple office during regular hours.*



**Bon Odori
Practice Schedule.**



It's time for Obon Practice!

Start gathering your Obon gear:

Uchiwa (round fan); **Sensu** (folding fan);
and **Kachi-Kachi** (small wooden clappers).

2025 Obon Practice Schedule

7:00 to 8:30pm (Gym):

Thursday, July 10

Tuesday, July 15

Thursday, July 17

Tuesday, July 22

Thursday, July 24

During intermission at each practice, refreshments will be served to all. If you would like to donate snack items, please bring them to practice.

Monetary donations are preferred to purchase bottled water, drinks or other snacks.

Please pass the word! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, relatives & co-workers to come out for our

"Gathering of Joy"

Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 7:00pm

Dharma School News...

Our last day of Dharma School for the 2024-2025 term was Sunday, June 8. Congratulations to George Fujii for receiving "perfect attendance" with no absences for 13 years straight! And to Alex & Andrew Kawaguchi for 1st prize with 1-2 absences. Other students received honorable mention for their attendance efforts during the year. Superintendent Mike Shibata also acknowledged the Dharma School teachers, Rev. Candice, and many others for supporting Dharma School.

Following the Dharma School awards, a year-end party and luncheon was held in the Mini Chapel for everyone, hosted by the Dharma School teachers and others.

We hope to see everyone this month at Bon Odori practice (*see practice dates on pg. 3*); and Obon/Hatsubon Service on Sunday, July 27 (*students who attend this service will earn a make-up day for Dharma School attendance for the upcoming 2025-2026 term*); and, our big event of the year...OBON/BAZAAR on AUGUST 2!

Dharma School will resume on **Sunday, September 7, at 10:00am**. The teachers will be meeting in August to plan out the schedule for the new term. Please contact Mike Shibata if you have suggestions or ideas you would like to share. Thank you to Fred Pocaroba and Casey Ogata-Tran who gave wonderful Dharma messages when Rev. Candice was away. We welcome other lay speakers as well. If interested, please contact Rev. Candice or Mike Shibata.

DS Students' Birthdays in July...



Jules Beltz (07/06)
Alex Kawaguchi (07/25)
Andrew Kawaguchi (07/25)
Happy Birthday!

SBWA News...

Stockton Buddhist Women's Assn.

Each year, SBWA sponsors two \$500 scholarships (high school & college). We would like to congratulate the 2025 recipients who are Maren Uyemura (High School) and Elyse Fujii (College).

SBWA members will be busy this month with Bazaar food preparations as follows:

PASTRY BOOTH is requesting help on the following dates:

Sat, July 18 – 8:30am

Mini Chapel kitchen to make An.
(Please bring your own lunch)

Wed, July 30 – 8:30am

Mini Chapel & Gym kitchens to bake Kuri-Manju. (Lunch will be provided)

SUSHI BOOTH – Day of Bazaar

Sat, August 2 – 6:00am to 9:00am

Gym Reception Room to roll maki-sushi and prepare inari sushi.

There will be no SBWA meetings in July & August. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, at 11:30am.

ABA News...

Adult Buddhist Association

Congratulations to Emily Wong who was the recipient of ABA's \$500 scholarship this year!

ABA's June luncheon & meeting was held on Friday, June 20th. Thank you to Ken & Yukiye Yamashita for providing the delicious spaghetti & focaccia bread from DeVinci's, and to Brian & Sachi Yenokida for preparing the tri-tip, salad, and vegetables. Desserts were provided by Atsuko Takeda, Jean Carter, Tomoko Doerr, and Cathy Fujimori. We had 40+ members in attendance who enjoyed the delicious food & desserts!

ABA will be donating a \$50 gift card for the bazaar raffle. Speaking of the bazaar, all able-bodied members are asked to come out to help with bazaar construction and/or food prep.

Please refer to the Karma calendar for dates & times of bazaar prep. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

There will be no ABA meetings in July & August. Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 19, 2025, at 11:30am. New members are always welcome!

Tomo No Kai News...

Japanese Community Senior Citizens

Tomo No Kai held its June luncheon on Saturday, June 14. Thank you to Motoe Takahashi and her kitchen crew for preparing the delicious food, Delores Matsumura for setting up the festive table decorations, and to John Takahashi for picking up the June birthday cakes.

We are very grateful to the following for their monetary donations:

Birthdays

Jean Carter

Karen Morisaki

Bingo

Beverly Yoneshige

Tomo No Kai Crafts group will meet this month on Thursday, July 10 & 24, from 9:00am–1:00pm. They have been very busy working on craft items to sell at the bazaar. Please contact Mike Shibata, (209) 689-1616, if you would like more information or to join the group. We will be taking the month of August off and will resume in September on the 11th & 25th.

YABA News...

Young Adult Buddhist Association

On Saturday, June 21st, YABA held its annual Pizza Game Night with 50 attendees! YABA provided pizza & wings, and members & friends brought appetizers, salads and/or desserts, which were enjoyed by all.

There were lots of fun & creative games, i.e. – "M&M Chopstick Game", "Basketball Limbo", and the "Chubby Bunny" Marshmallow Game to name a few. We ended the night playing several games of BINGO.

(YABA News – continued)

Thank you to members & friends who donated prizes and to those who gave monetary donations. It was a fun event! *(Please see photos on pg. 11)*

Congratulations to Emily Wong, recipient of YABA's 2025 scholarship!

YABA will be donating a gift card for the bazaar raffle. Members will also be helping out at the Obon/Bazaar on August 2.

Dana Acknowledgments

Our sincere appreciation to the following for their donation of items or volunteering for the temple.

DONATIONS:**Community Garden**

Thank you to all the wonderful donors for materials, plants & seeds, and to all the volunteers that came out to help make it happen:

Henry & Alice Hirata	Debbie Nakade
Alan & Ann Osugi	Dorothy Uyeda
Bob & Sandra Kano	Hiroshi Doi
Brian & Sachi Yenokida	Kimi Ishihara
Clark & Judy Mizuno	Mark Delucchi
Dan & Chris Kubo	Mark Shimada
John & Peggy Takahashi	Muddy Payne
Stan & Karen Oshita	Russell Takeda

•**Jean Carter** brought oatmeal/raisin cookies for the office volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS:

•**Charles Bagshaw and Alex Sakata**, our A/V (Audio/Visual) specialists for live streaming our services in June.

•**Darlene Bagshaw** for playing the organ at most services and as requested; and to **Cathy Fujimori** for playing the piano as requested.

•**Cathy Fujimori** for taking photos at special services and events.

•**Bev Hotta & Ruby Kato** for folding the June Karma for mailing.

•**Ruby Kato** for typing last month's Karma.

•**Tad Shibata** for general clean-up & maintenance; and for setting up the altar area for services.

•**Peggy Takahashi** for her help with the finances on Fridays.

•**Sachi Yenokida** for coordinating the outdoor maintenance schedule.

•Ground Maintenance

Bukkyo Taiko	Mark Shimada
Hiroshi Doi	Derek Uyemura
Cathy Fujimori	Cheryl Yagi
Muddy Payne	Brian Yenokida
Tad Shibata	Sachi Yenokida

•Weekly Altar Beautification:

Kimi Ishihara	Kay Freeman
Fumiko Wakabayashi	Sandra Kano
Kimiko Okubo	Karen Saito
Karen Shimozaki	(Open)

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

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Weekly Dharma messages by
Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop



Please note that several organizations will be taking a **"Summer Break" in July and/or August** and will resume in September.

- ABA** (resumes Sept. 19)
- BCS Board of Directors** (no meeting in August)
- Book Club/Study Class** (resumes Sept. 24)
- Cortez Howakai** (resumes Sept. 4)
- Dharma School & Sunday Services** (resumes Sept. 7)
- SBWA** (resumes Sept. 7)
- Taiko** (no sessions in August)
- Tomo No Kai Crafts** (no sessions in Aug – resumes Sept. 11)



- **Fall Seminar** with Rev. Ko'e Umezu
Saturday, September 13, 2025
- **BCS "Open House"**
Sunday, September 21, 2025
- **BCS "Shrimp Feed" Fundraiser**
Saturday, October 18, 2025

More details to follow!

YBA Club Fundraiser

YBA is collecting...

Aluminum Cans & Plastic Bottles
for recycling.

Please drop them off in the white bin under the carport at church.

PLEASE RECYCLE!

Thank you for your support!



WHAT'S NEW?

at the Buddhist Church of Stockton...

BABY CHANGING TABLES in the Dharma School building restrooms. Thank you to Candy Hayashi for ordering the 2 changing tables and to Tad Shibata for installing them.

HONDO LIGHTING – light bulb replacement project in the hondo is now complete with brighter lighting!

ROCKS have been placed to enhance a few garden areas – near the entrance to the Reception Room, and the Community Garden.

BOAT TRAILERS – You may have noticed a few boat trailers placed between our main parking lot and East lot. We have partnered with Sea Scouts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to mentoring and guiding youth aged 12–18 through maritime education and leadership development. The Stockton Sea Scouts empower young individuals to build character, develop essential life skills, and embrace teamwork through hands-on experiences on and off the water. From boat handling and navigation to STEM-based learning and community service, their program instills a sense of purpose and adventure in the youth they serve.

The Buddhist Church of Stockton will allow the Sea Scouts to use the parking area to keep them closer to their base of operations at 3120 Monte Diablo. In return, they are committed to explore ways to support the church in maintaining an agreement, such as assisting with tasks around the grounds—welding, electrical work, or event support...a definite WIN-WIN!

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:

(Submitted by Brian & Sachi Yenokida)

Hello Gardeners,

The self-watering raised beds have been built and watering timers have all been installed. We began planting Japanese cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, 3 types of Japanese eggplants, Anaheim peppers, bell peppers, shishito peppers, beef steak tomato, long beans, strawberries and Burpee tomatoes (which were all donated!). Corn, daikon and zucchini seeds have also been planted. Plans are to have cut flowers, and so far, we have a donation of a white chrysanthemum plant. Summer gardening schedule: Monday through Friday, from 6:30am–10:00am. Gardening supplies are provided! If you would like to help with the garden or donate items, please contact **Sachi Yenokida at (805) 315-5069**.



BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON GIVING TREE 2025

Like a tree, we have many projects needing nourishing and support.
Please consider donating to the following areas of need:

HVAC Dharma Classroom	Goal: \$21,000	Current Contributions: \$55.23
Website upgrade	Goal: \$2,500.00	Current Contributions: \$1,000.00
Interior Hondo Lighting	Goal: \$30,000.00	Current Contributions: \$500.00
On-site Security	Goal: \$63,000.00	Current Contributions: \$7,200.00
Fence Improve/Repair	Goal: \$2,500.00	Current Contributions: \$1,100.00
Exterior Maintenance	Goal: \$10,000.00	Current Contributions: \$1,263.48
Non-specified	Goal: open	Current Contributions: \$ 14,090.48
Maintain Hearing Devices	Goal: \$1,000	Current Contributions: \$1,000.00

Donate via our current website at buddhistchurchofstockton.org or by check sent to:

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Giving Tree Donor List as of June 13, 2025

Adams, Jeffrey	Kato, Howard & Ruby	Ryuto, Setsuko
Aichi Shinboku Kai (2)	Kitagawa, Mr. & Mrs. Lon	Ryuto, Yoneko's Extended Family (In Honor of Yoneko's 100 th Birthday)
Antuna, Richard & Sally (3)	Kubo, Dan & Chris	Sakata, Alex
Assauw, Izumi	Kitagawa, Megumi	Saruwatari, Tosh
Doi, Nicole	Louie, Brian & Tami	Shibata, Mike (2)
Doi, Stephanie (2)	Mitsuhashi, Janie	Stockton Bukkyo Taiko
Eastly, John / Nii-Eastly, Stacy	Motoyoshi, Rev. Yukiko	Tanabe, Roy & Elaine
Family of Dr. Richard Doi	Nagata Family (2) (In Memory of Grace & Hitoshi Edward Nagata)	Takahashi, John & Peggy
Freeman, Kikuko	Nakade, Debbie (3)	Tanaka, Robert & Sally
Fujii, Dr. & Mrs. Robert (In Memory of Dr. Kenneth Fujii)	Nakamura, M/M Alan & Christopher	Wed. Night Basketball Group
Garcia, Margarita	Nakamura, Bob & Pat	Yagi, Frank & Hiro
Hasegawa, Mrs. Noriko	Nii, Robert	Yamanaka, Wendi
Hiroshima Doshi Kai	Okubo, June (2)	Yep, Kent & Patti
Kagawa, Scott	Pocoroba, Fred & Kathy	Yoneshige, Beverly



For Your Information...

Wheelchair assistance is available to anyone visiting our temple for services or meetings, etc. Please let someone know and we will be happy to bring a wheelchair to your vehicle or location for you to use.

Wheelchairs are conveniently located throughout our facilities – Office, Temple, Mini Chapel and Gym/Social Hall. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance!

Graduation Service & Scholarship Awards – June 8, 2025 (Details on Pg. 3)



High School Grad Maren Uyemura with Parents Derek & Misa



Emily Wong receiving ABA scholarship from Delores Matsumura



George Fujii (for sister Elyse) receiving SBWA scholarship from Sachi Yenokida



Rod Saiki presenting Saiki scholarship



George Watanabe presenting Watanabe scholarship



Emily Wong receiving Fujimori scholarship from Cathy Fujimori



Emily Wong receiving YABA scholarship from Mei Pablo



Maren Uyemura receiving Matsumoto scholarship from Conrad Matsumoto



Photos: Courtesy of Cathy Fujimori & Linda Kawaguchi

Collage by: Ruby Kato

July Shotsuki

Mrs. Kikuye	Abe	7/19/2000	Mr. John Kazuto	Shimobayashi	7/13/1979
Mrs. Mitsuko	Adachi	7/1/2020	Mrs. Sakaye	Sugi	7/1/1986
Mr. Steven Kazuo	Adachi	7/11/1979	Ms. Sumi	Sugi	7/6/1995
Mr. Hiroshi	Asai	7/26/2012	Mr. Marshall	Sumida	7/9/2014
Dr. Patricia	Dixon	7/13/2008	Mrs. Jane Tayeko	Tahara	7/9/2006
Mr. Fred	Dobana	7/10/1977	Mr. Seisaku	Tanaka	7/17/1989
Mrs. Aiko	Fujii	7/28/2012	Mrs. Chitose	Taniguchi	7/7/1982
Mr. Mike	Fujii	7/27/2012	Mr. Masaichi	Tateyama	7/18/1996
Mrs. Riyo	Fujii	7/12/2000	Mrs. Jean Reiko	Terashita	7/16/2024
Mr. Yoshio Ben	Fujii	7/21/2011	Mrs. Toku	Togo	7/11/1986
Mr. John Takashi	Fujiki	7/15/1995	Mr. James C.	Tominaga	7/6/2020
Mrs. Yoshiko June	Fujimoto	7/1/2021	Mr. Sam	Torigoye	7/28/1985
Mr. George S.	Fukuhara	7/31/1975	Mrs. Grace	Tsunekawa	7/22/2001
Mrs. Mitsuno	Harada	7/26/1973	Mrs. Sueko	Watanabe	7/23/1995
Mr. David Ron	Hayashi	7/4/2021	Mrs. Sei	Yagi	7/31/1986
Mr. Den	Ikeda	7/13/2007	Mr. Pete Kazuo	Yamada	7/7/2008
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Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Clothing & Accessories			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$
Gap \$100.00	14%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
H&M \$25.00	7%		\$
HomeGoods \$100.00	6%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	6%		\$
Marshalls \$100.00	6%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	6%		\$
Old Navy \$100.00	14%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
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Department Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Dillard's \$100.00	9%		\$
Dillard's \$25.00	9%		\$
Nordstrom \$100.00	4%		\$
Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$
Dining - Casual			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$
Blaze Pizza \$25.00	10%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	10%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$50.00	10%		\$
Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$

Dining - Casual			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Olive Garden \$100.00	8%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Panda Express \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$100.00	8%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Discount Store & Outlets			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Burlington \$25.00	8%		\$
Five Below \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Electronics & Office			
Product	%	QTY	Total
GameStop \$25.00	5%		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$100.00	5%		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
Entertainment			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Regal \$10.00	8%		\$
Regal \$25.00	8%		\$
Fast Food			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Burger King \$10.00	7%		\$
Burger King \$25.00	7%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	9%		\$

Fast Food			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$5.00	11%		\$
Del Taco \$10.00	7%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$
Jack in the Box \$10.00	4%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Sonic \$10.00	8%		\$
Sonic \$25.00	8%		\$
Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$50.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Taco Bell \$25.00	5%		\$
Gas & Auto			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Shell \$100.00	1.5%		\$
Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Grocery			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Raley's \$100.00	4%		\$
Raley's \$25.00	4%		\$
S-Mart Foods \$100.00	2%		\$
S-Mart Foods \$25.00	2%		\$
Safeway \$100.00	4%		\$
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Grocery			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Safeway \$50.00	4%		\$
Save Mart Supermarkets \$100.00	2%		\$
Save Mart Supermarkets \$25.00	2%		\$
Smart & Final \$100.00	3%		\$
Smart & Final \$25.00	3%		\$
Smart & Final \$50.00	3%		\$
Sprouts Farmers Market \$100.00	5%		\$
Sprouts Farmers Market \$25.00	5%		\$
Sprouts Farmers Market \$50.00	5%		\$
Health & Beauty			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$100.00	7%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	7%		\$
Sephora \$25.00	6.5%		\$
Home Improvement			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$100.00	6%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	6%		\$
The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Online Shopping			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Amazon \$25.00	1.6%		\$
Amazon \$50.00	1.6%		\$
Nike \$25.00	11%		\$
Pets			
Product	%	QTY	Total
PetSmart \$25.00	6%		\$

Specialty Retailer			
Product	%	QTY	Total
HoneyBaked Ham \$25.00	12%		\$
Sporting Goods & Outdoors			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Big 5 Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Travel			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Disney \$100.00	3%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Hilton \$100.00	2%		\$
Universal Prepaid Cards			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
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September 13, 2025

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The Buddhist Church of Stockton's Inclusion Committee and Buddhist Education Committee presents its fall seminar with guest speaker, Rev. Ko'E Umezu (she/her) of the West L.A. Buddhist Temple.

This seminar, held at the Buddhist Church of Stockton, will feature a continued discussion about Amida Buddha's all embracing Compassion and how this informs us about inclusion and equity for all.

Suggested Registration Fee:

\$15 For Adults

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Registration Deadline: September 8, 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day 4 th of July Holiday (OFFICE CLOSED)	5 Cortez Obon 6:30pm Ballico Taiko 7:00pm Bon Odori
6 10:30am Shotsuki Hoyo	7 5:30 – 8:00pm Taiko Practice	8 7:00pm Bon Odori Practice (TEACHERS ONLY)	9 7:00pm Monthly Board Meeting (Zoom)	24 9:00am to 1:00pm Tomo No Kai Crafts 6:30pm Dharma Friends Taiko 7:00pm Bon Odori Practice <i>Everyone is Welcome!</i>	11	12 10:00am Tomo No Kai
13	14 5:30 – 8:00pm Taiko Practice	15 7:00pm Bon Odori Practice <i>Everyone is Welcome!</i> <i>Deadline for August Karma</i>	16	17 6:30pm Dharma Friends Taiko 7:00pm Bon Odori Practice <i>Everyone is Welcome!</i>	18 9:00am Bazaar Construction	19 8:30am "An" Prep for Kuri Manju 9:00am Bazaar Construction
20 9:00am Bazaar Construction	21 5:30 – 8:00pm Taiko Practice	22 7:00pm Bon Odori Practice <i>Everyone is Welcome!</i>	23	24 9:00am to 1:00pm Tomo No Kai Crafts 6:30pm Dharma Friends Taiko 7:00pm Bon Odori Practice <i>Everyone is Welcome!</i>	25 9:00am Bazaar Construction	26 9:00am Bazaar Construction
27 9:00am Bazaar Construction 10:00am Obon/Hatsubon Service Speaker: Rev. Harry Bridge	28 5:30 – 8:00pm Taiko Practice	29	30 8:30am Kuri Manju Prep	31 9:00AM BAZAAR FOOD PREP	1 AUGUST 9:00am BAZAAR FOOD PREP	2 AUGUST 6:00–9:00am Sushi Prep BCS 2025 OBON/BAZAAR 11:00am – 8:30pm (Bon Odori at 7:00pm)