

Golden Chain



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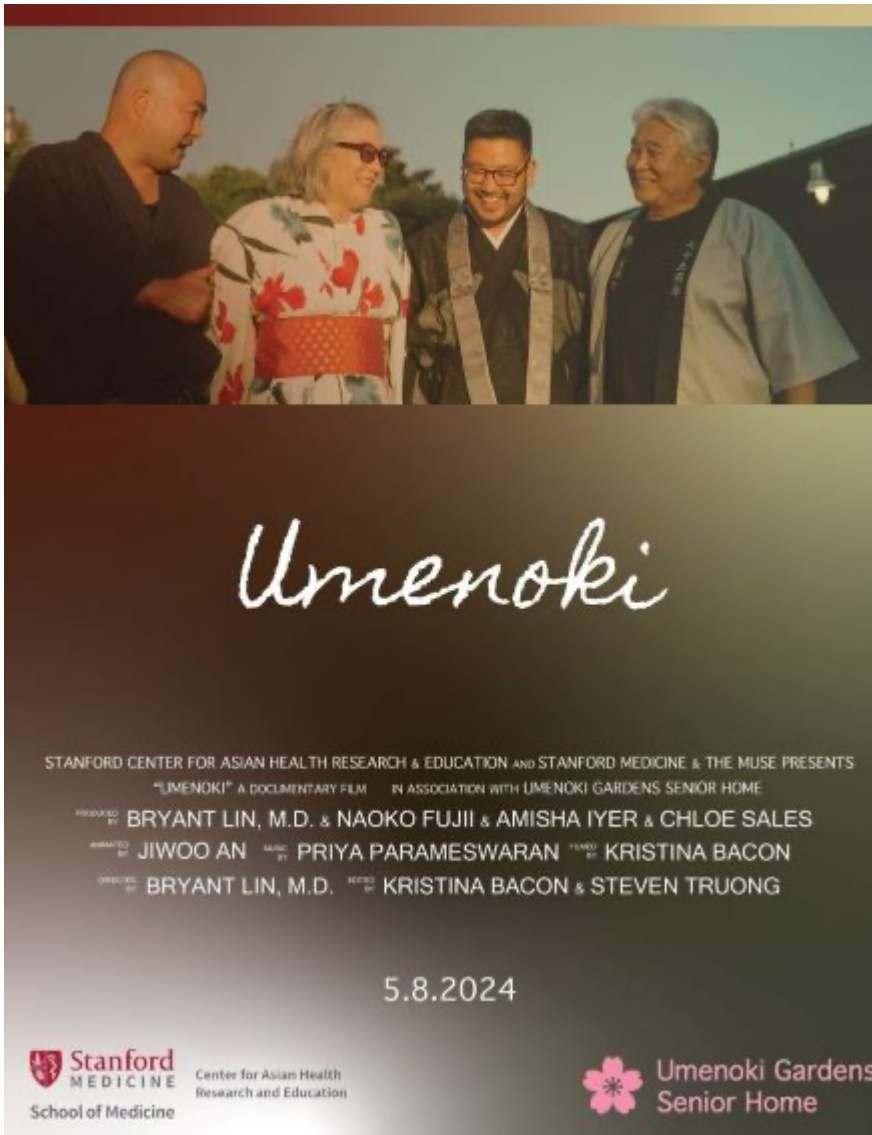
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I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.

The Worry Never Stops



Many of you are already aware of this but SACBC is home to a senior care facility that is on the temple grounds. This is a one-of-a-kind treasure that exists right here in the bay area. Umenoki Home provides a 24-hour residential care service that is culturally sensitive to the Japanese and Japanese-American community. It is a really special place and every time I walk inside, I look forward to the smell of *gohan* (steamed rice), where I know that I am right at home.

This facility is so rare that a group known as the Stanford Center for Asian Health Research and Education wanted to do a documentary on this facility. Their study was to find out about the history of Umenoki, how it was formed, the residents who live there, and what the facility's relationship to the temple is. The documentary highlighted the history of the Japanese immigrants and the subsequent generations living in the United States, and the importance of having a care facility for this community's elders. Our very own, Ken Suyama, was one of the panelists who explained the recent struggles of the facility coming out of the pandemic, and the new challenges along with great benefits of having this

facility. In addition, Naoko Fujii was another panelist who shared her experiences of having her mother be under the care of this facility as well as her time as a volunteer there.

The other day, I went to Tacoma, Washington, to visit and reconnect with the temple members at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. At that time, we went to visit my son's old pre-school teacher. When the two saw each other again, they were extremely happy to see one another, and the old memories brought back an immediate sense of warmth. As I was talking with her, she mentioned about her struggles of having two teenaged twin boys and how they were growing up so quickly. She mentioned that it would be a blink of an eye before my son would be grown up too. She explained that when the children are young, we worry about whether they will fall off the slide at the jungle gym or whether they will put a fork in the socket. But the worries don't stop there. Even when they get older, we as parents still worry about them. We worry about whether they have friends they can share their thoughts and emotions with, we worry about their education and what they will be in the future. The worries just don't stop. But she also pointed out that our parents, too, are worrying about us as well. Even as fully grown adults, where we can take care of ourselves, our parents still worry about us. Even as they grow old and frail and cannot keep up with the rest of the changing world, they are *still*, worrying about us.

So then, who worries about our parents? What will be of our parents after they pass? Who looks after them? The answer is Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha has and will always be our spiritual parent. We call that *oyasama*, in Japanese. The Buddha's worry for us has always been there. We just don't realize it. The Buddha wants all beings to attain true happiness, to arrive at the place of no suffering. That place is the world of clarity and warmth, a place we call the "Pure Land." I am grateful for my son's teacher who gave me this insightful perspective. With this point in mind, I reflect on how important a place like Umenoki is. How do we even begin to repay all the years of worry that our parents had for us? I would like to think that Umenoki helps many children do that for their parents and other loved ones who showed so much care for others. I am really grateful that the members of SACBC saw the need and the significance of having a facility like this, and using their time and resources to establish such a wonderful place. This is all due to the great working of our *oyasama*. Gassho.

絶えない心配

皆さんは既にご存知だと思いますが、南アラメダ郡仏教会の境内に「梅野木」という介護施設があります。この施設は24時間体制で介護を行い、入居者は主に日本人や日系人です。私は時々この施設にお邪魔することがありますが、玄関に入った途端、出来立てのご飯の匂いがするので、アットホームに感じます。

この施設は北米海教区（BCA）の中での最も珍しい所だというのは言うまでもなく、宝の場所だと思います。三年前、スタンフォード大学の「アジア人健康研究センター」がこの施設についてドキュメンタリーを作成することが決まりました。そして先日5月8日にその成果が発表されました。このドキュメンタリーは「梅野木」の歴史、どのようにこのアイデアが発生したか、どのような方が住まれているのか、及びお寺との関係のことが研究されていました。また、日系人の歴史についての説明もあり、今後なぜこのような施設が大切なのかが説明されています。皆さんがご存知のস্যマ・ケン氏（現「梅野木」会長）から、この施設の現在のチャレンジや素晴らしいポイントを説明していただきました。また、藤井ナオコ氏から母親がこの施設におられたときの経験と、自分がボランティアをされていることも紹介していただきました。

少し話が変わりますが、先日、私が一番初めに開教使として派遣されたワシントン州タコマ市に戻る機会がありました。この時、息子が通っていた幼稚園を訪ねると、園長先生に温かく迎えていただきました。先生と息子が再会したとき、昔の思い出が溢れてきてお互いとても喜んでいる様子でした。そして、先生と子育ての話になりました。先生の双子の息子さん達は現在高校生ですが、子供がいくつになっても親は子供を心配しなくなることはないとおっしゃいました。小さい頃は、すべり台から落ちそうになったり、コンセントの中にフォークを入れたりする心配もあるけど、その子が高校生、大学生、社会人、大人になったら、その時なりの心配が尽きないと言うことをおっしゃいました。そして、私たちの親は、親になったあなたでさえも心配しているよ、と話してくれました。いくら大人になって自分の面倒がみれると思っても、やはり親は心配してくれているんだなど。親は歳をとって、体が弱くなっているけど、子供のことを心配するのだね。

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following on **Sunday June 2nd at 10:00 am**

Asada Family
Yamashita Family
Hisaoka Family
Susan Sakuma
Tomotoshi Family
Mrs. Teiko Funk
Kawaguchi Family
Mr. & Mrs. Tsuyoshi Teshirogi
Mr. Ben Shikano
Mrs. Nancy Minamide &
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Minamide
Mr. & Mrs. Art Sakai
Asada Family
Kaneko Family
Mrs. Shizuye Awamura
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Okimoto
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kishi &
Mr. & Mrs. Hiroshi Kishi
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Suyama
Mr. Stacy Nakamura &
Ms. Wendy Nakamura
Fujii Family
Mrs. Kyoko Hatsushi
Nakanishi Family
Kimura Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Suyama
Mr. Scott Ng & Mrs. Charisse Feldman
Hisaoka Family
Takayama Family
Takayama Family

If this is a special service year for a departed relative, please contact the church office at (510) 471-2581 to schedule a memorial service.



Services for June 2024

Please join us in-person in the hondo or virtually via Zoom (hybrid service).
Masks are not required but strongly recommended in the hondo.

June 2, 2024 – Shotsuki Hoyo

10 A.M.

At this monthly memorial service, we will honor those loved ones who passed away in the month of June.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service.

June & July Birthdays will be celebrated.

Dharma School will follow service.

Japanese Dharma message follows the English service.

June 9, 2024 – Family Service

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service.

There will be a Dharma School graduate/attendance recognition.

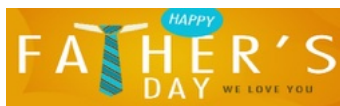
Scholarship & Buddhist Youth Awards will be given.

This will be the last Dharma school event for 2023-2024.

June 16, 2024 – Father's Day

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will be on vacation.

There will not be a service.



June 23, 2024

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will be on vacation.

There will not be a service.

Saturday, June 29, 2024 - Summer Seminar

3 – 5 PM (Details to follow)

Rev. Melissa Opel will be the guest presenter.

June 30, 2023 – Eshinni and Kakushinni Memorial Service

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service.

BWA will host this service.



Eshinni was Shinran Shonin's wife. She wrote many letters that became crucial in understanding life at the time they lived. She was also a devout Shin follower. Kakushinni was Eshinni and Shinran's daughter. She was instrumental in establishing the initial stages of Shinran's mausoleum and the foundations of the Hongwanji.

Board meeting Wednesday, June 19, 7:30pm via Zoom



SILENT AUCTION



SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH

13th Annual Silent Auction — July 20-21, 2024

Spring is here and the 59th Annual SACBC Bazaar is getting closer. We are calling upon the Sangha to help us reach out to local businesses they regularly frequent and ask for donations. We appreciate any donation from businesses and “friends” of SACBC.

For the 13th Annual Silent Auction, we are asking SACBC organizations and affiliated organizations, as well as Sangha members for donations. We gladly accept donations of new items as well as gently used and precious older items. Items that attract interest and competitive bids are suggested below:

TICKETS / GIFT CERTIFICATES

TICKETS to

- Sporting Events
- Amusement Parks
- Interesting places in the Bay Area
- Plays, musicals, movies

CERTIFICATES to

- Spas
- Restaurants
- Specialty Shops

ELECTRONICS

- Tablets
- Headphones
- Ear buds

- Video games
- Video game gift cards (eg. Roblox, Call of Duty)
- Gaming accessories (eg. controllers, mouse, headsets, carrying case, etc.)

THEME BASKETS (examples)

SPORTS: Basketball, baseball, football, soccer, golf, tennis, fishing, etc. Include equipment, memorabilia, etc.

GIFT CARDS

CELEBRATIONS: Christmas, Valentines Day, Halloween, Birthday, Anniversary, etc.

“HIS”, “HERS”, “KIDS”

FOOD: Wine, Liquor, Samplers (Crackers, Pasta, Chocolates)

ARTS & CRAFTS

PETS: Items for Dog, Cat, Fish, Birds, etc.

BOOKS

KIDS TOYS that are popular right now

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Art: Paintings, Sculptures
- Japanese art pieces
- Collectibles (vases, ceramics, etc.)
- Air Fryer
- Small appliances

- Tools
- Travel aids
- Handcrafted items (knitted, crocheted, embroidered, woven, sewn, etc.)

To participate in this year's Silent Auction, donations must be received by **July 1, 2024**. Donations can be left in the office starting in May. Contact information for potential donors is also appreciated. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar.

Questions? Please contact Karen Fujii. OK to leave messages on Church Telephone: (510) 471-2581.

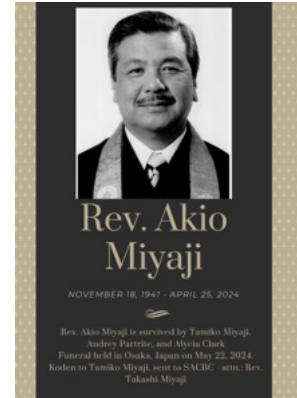
IN MEMORIAM

Dear SACBC Sangha,

With great sadness, I am to inform our Sangha that our past Resident Minister, Rev. Akio Miyajji, passed away on April 25, 2024. Rev. Miyaji was 83 years old and living in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Akio Miyaji is survived by Tamiko Miyaji, Audrey Partrite, & Alycia Clark.

Rev. Akio Miyaji's family will hold a private funeral service in Osaka Japan on May 22, 2024. Koden can be addressed to Tamiko Miyaji and sent to SACBC attn. Rev. Takashi Miyaji.

In Gassho,
Kyle



What's Up Dharma School? June 2024

We continued with our themes from the movie "Inside Out"--Anger. Students had discussions about what we can do first to be aware that we are angry and discussed ways to cope with anger. As a craft, we made pom-pom "Angry birds"

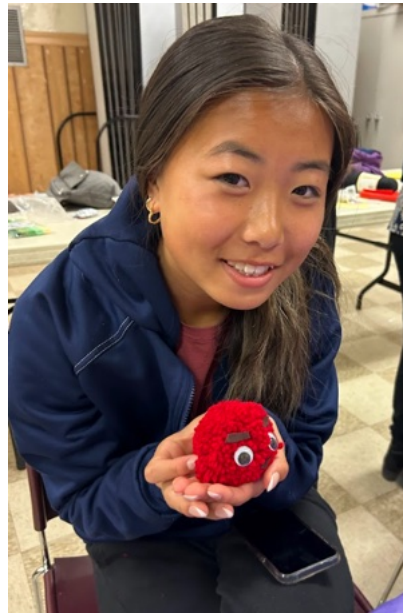
At the last class, the students worked on their Mother's Day gift. A big thank you to JoAnn Rogers for finding the vases!

We are looking forward to the Ochigo parade on May 19 and a few weeks later graduation for our seniors.

There has been a change in the schedule for Dharma classes due to a conflict with a JrYBA event. Here are the remaining classes:

- June 2 (Dharma class/birthday celebration)
- June 9 (Last day of Dharma class/graduation)

In gassho,
Betty and Cathleen





JUNE 8TH CLEAN UP DAY

We will have our next Clean-up day at SACBC on Saturday June 8th. We will start at 9 am. I hope to finish early in the afternoon. The main projects will be to move the wood chips that are in the area between the Sangha Hall and the BBQ pits. They will be spread out in this same area, so they will not need to travel very far. Rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows will be very helpful with this project. We will also be cleaning up the area at the corner of Alvarado Niles Rd and Dowe Ave. It has once again become overgrown with weeds. I was also hoping that we would be able to spray weed killer in the following areas: between the Sangha Hall and the BBQ pits, behind the Sangha Hall and the large dirt parking lot near Dowe Ave.

We have lots to do, so many hands make light work. Karen Fujii is already recruiting students from James Logan High School.

We will provide lunch and snacks throughout the day.

Thanks

John Arai

FIREWORKS BOOTH

We will be selling Fireworks at SACBC again this year from July 1st – July 4th. The shifts will be the same as last year: 9 am – noon, noon – 3 pm, 3 pm – 6 pm and 6 pm – 9 pm. The sign-ups will also be going out to all of the SACBC organizations, but if anyone would like to volunteer, please let me know.

Thanks

John

All SACBC members are invited to join us

For the BWA Snack Social

When: Sunday, June 30th after service

Where: SACBC Sangha Hall Reception Room

Special Treat Surprise -Shave ICE!

Please RSVP by June 21st to Emily at the office.

We welcome you to bring a snack to share but it is not required. If bringing one, please drop it off in the

Reception Room before service.

Thanks everyone and hope to see you there!

BWA – report by Karen Suyama

Please join us for our next meeting on June 9th at 9:00am.

Upcoming activities:

1. BWA Snack Social – June 30, after service. Everyone, please join us as we relax and socialize immediately after service.
2. Still collecting recipes for our new cookbook. Send yours in now.
3. Rummage Sale – rescheduled to October 19-20.

BAZAAR 2024

Meetings continue as we plan and get ready for our annual Bazaar which is scheduled for July 20th and 21st. Please be ready to help and support us with our largest fundraiser for the temple. Be on the lookout for the roster, coming soon to your mailbox.

OBON – August 10, 2024

Join us for obon dance practice on July 30, August 1, 5, 7 and 8. We will learn two new dances that everyone will be doing to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of BCA. Obon night is Saturday August 10, 7:00pm with the Chidori Band performing.

Obon/Urabon Service on Sunday August 11, at 10:00am.

Gotan-E Service with Ochigo Procession – May 19, 2024

“In May, we celebrate Gotan-E, the birth of the founder of Jodo Shinshu, Shinran Shonin, who was born on May 21, 1173. Shinran never saw himself as a founder of anything and was just trying to spread the nembutsu teaching that he learned from his teacher, Honen.

Shinran emphasized absolute entrusting to Amida Buddha over the constant recitation of Namu Amida Butsu.

This is the way laid out for us to find a life with less suffering. And in the month of May, we express our gratitude to Shinran Shonin for showing us the path.” *(from the buddhistchurch.org website)*

Service began with an offering of cake placed before the Obutsudan. Rev. Takashi Miyaji led a procession of Dharma School students into the hondo, onto the onaijin to bow in respect, and down to the front of the onaijin.

The SACBC Choir, led by Mrs. Yoshie Yamada, sang “Hikari no Nakani.” The beautiful voices filled the hondo.



May 2024 Birthdays!

Best wishes for many more celebrations!



Jim Hiramine (Kathy Murai's brother/ Amy Hatsushis's cousin)
Garret Murai, Ken Bredlau, Keisai Miyaji, & Glen Sekigahama with Rev. Miyaji



BART Ticket Refund - Fundraiser



As of November 2023, BART no longer accepts Paper Tickets. Riders must have a Clipper Card.

BART will refund amounts that are on paper tickets. I submitted 10 tickets and, after 5 months, received a check! (If there is a "c" on your ticket, it means you paid with a credit card. Those ticket values will be refunded to your credit card.

If you have any paper tickets that might be blue, red, or green, please consider sending or leaving them in the church office. I will submit them for a refund as a fundraiser for our church.

Tickets must have a value of at least \$1 if you submit them personally, **HOWEVER, NON-PROFIT organizations can get a refund for all tickets including those with less than \$1 on them.** So, please consider giving any and all paper BART tickets to the church.

For more information: <https://www.bart.gov/tickets/sales/refunds>

Thank you for your support!

Karen Fuji

Marine Emergency Rescue Facility @ SFO

Paul Gan arranged for two tours of the Marine Emergency Rescue Facility @ San Francisco International airport. Those who attended learned about the behind-the-scenes operations that exist to keep travelers in and out of SFO safe and prepared if a plane should unfortunately land in the Bay waters.

Paul worked at SFO as an architect who did intensive research as he designed that facilities that we saw. Thank you, Paul for making this opportunity available to the Sangha members and Scouts.



Sangha tour: April 27, 2024. Our guide was Mr. Time Martin. We are in front of the facility & on the Moose Boat.



Scout Troop 20 on May 4, 2024, toured two facilities.



SACBC's 58th Annual Japanese Bazaar

Saturday, July 20 • 11:00am – 7:00pm

Sunday, July 21 • 11:00am – 3:00pm

Free Admission!

**FOOD • GAMES • ENTERTAINMENT
& MORE!**



Food— Japanese Cuisine

Chicken Teriyaki,
Gyoza, Udon,
Sushi, & Manju

Plus...

TeriBurgers,
Corn-On-The-Cob,
Shave Ice

FUN for the whole family!

Silent Auction: Bidding ends Sun. 7/21 at 1pm
Need not be present to win.

Raffle Ticket Drawing: Sunday, 3pm

Games: Demon Smash, Duck Pond,
& Other Games for Children

New Attraction: Beer Garden



Taiko Demonstrations, Sat. 4pm & Sun. 1:30pm

O'Nami Taiko, Kendo, Ikebana Exhibit

Bonsai Exhibit, Sat & Sun 2pm

Intro to Buddhism, Rev. Dr. Miyaji, Sat & Sun 2pm

Boutique & Crafts, Bookstore & more!



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Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church Annual Obon Festival

EVERYONE IS INVITED • FREE ADMISSION

Saturday August 10, 2024

Food Sales: 5pm • Obon Dance: 7pm (PDT)

You're invited to the **Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church's Buddhist Festival of Obon**. We will have Obon Dancing, Japanese Music with the San Jose Chidori Band, and Japanese Foods.

Fun for everyone!

Colorful yukata-clad participants gather for the Obon dance – a memorial day for our departed loved ones, and a day to give thanks to them. With joy and gratitude, we honor and remember our deceased loved ones, whose very existence has made our own lives possible.

Obon Dance Practices (Optional)

7:00 pm on 7/30, 8/1, 8/5, 8/7 and 8/8 in the Sangha Hall at SACBC. (Tues., Thurs., Mon., Wed., Thurs.) Dance Practices are **OPTIONAL** – you need not practice. You can just come & join our Obon Dance. **EVERYONE is invited to DANCE!**

Obon Service: Sunday, August 11, 2024 at

10:00am. SACBC will conduct its Annual Buddhist Obon Spiritual Service for all our departed loved ones. Those who lost their loved ones this past year are especially welcome. We will conduct a special service for them called **Hatsubon** (*First Obon Service*).

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JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8am-2pm JLS Graduation (gym, recep)
2 10am Shotsuki Hoyo DS graduation	3 6am O-Jinjo 8:30am Qi-gong 3-5pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner) 5-7pm AA summer clinic	4 6:30 pm Scouts	5 3-5pm Taiko 5-7pm AA summer clinic	6 6am O-Jinjo 7pm Kendo	7 6am O-Jinjo 5-7pm AA summer clinic	8 9am Clean-up Day
9 9am BWA meeting 10am Family Service	10 6am O-Jinjo 8:30am Qi-gong 3-5pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner)	11 6:30 pm Scouts	12 3-5pm Taiko	13 6am O-Jinjo 7pm Kendo	14 6am O-Jinjo	15 <i>GC article deadline</i>
16 10am YouTube Service <i>Father's Day</i>	17 8:30am Qi-gong 3-5pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner)	18 6:30 pm Scouts	19 3-5pm Taiko 7pm Board Meeting (Zoom)	20 7pm Kendo	21	22
23 10am YouTube Service	24 8:30am Qi-gong 3-5pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner)	25 6:30 pm Scouts	26 3-5pm Taiko	27 6am O-Jinjo	28 6am O-Jinjo	29 4-10 pm SABA dinner
30 10am ESHINNI AND KAKUSHINNI SERVICE BWA Snack social	JULY 1 Fireworks sale	JULY 2 Fireworks sale	JULY 3 Fireworks sale	JULY 4 Fireworks sale		

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JUNE EVENTS

2 nd – SUN	SHOTSUKI HOYO (HYBRID SERVICE) DHARMA SCHOOL GRADUATION/RECOGNITION
8 th – SAT	CLEAN UP DAY
9 th – SUN	FAMILY SERVICE (HYBRID SERVICE)
12 th – WED	BOARD MEETING (7:30 PM VIA ZOOM)
16 th – SUN	SERVICE ON YOUTUBE <i>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</i>
19 th – WED	JUNETEENTH/EMANCIPATION DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)
20 th – THURS	SUMMER SOLSTICE
23 rd – SUN	SERVICE ON YOUTUBE
30 th – SUN	ESHINNI AND KAKUSHINNI SERVICE / BWA SNACK SOCIAL
SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300 PASSCODE: 549504	