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Our Mission

*To spread the teachings of Shin Buddhism,
enriching the lives of our temple members
and the community.*

Our Vision

*The Watsonville Buddhist Temple is open
and embraces everyone. Our vision is to
share the truth of life found in the Dharma.
Through the teaching of Amida Buddha, we
become aware of all we have received in life.*

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Schedule of September Events

September 7, 2025 - Shotsuki Hoyo 10:00am
September 13, 2025 - Ohigan Tri-Temple Seminar 11:00am-1:00pm
September 14, 2025 - Ohigan Service 10:00am
September 19, 2025 - Movie Night 2:00pm and 7:00pm
September 20, 2025 - Tri-Temple Coastal Clean-up 9:00am-Noon
September 21, 2025 - Sunday Service 10:00am
September 28, 2025 - Sunday Service 10:00am

Tentative Schedule of October Events

October 5, 2025 - Shotsuki Hoyo/BWA Memorial Service 10:00am
October 12 and 26, 2025 - Sunday Service 10:00am
October 13, 2025 - Tri-Temple Golf Tournament
October 19, 2025 - No Sunday Service
October 19, 2025 - Nembutsu Family Conference
October 24, 2025 - Panda Express Fundraiser Code 9005744

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Crossing Over

The month of September is the second time in the year that we observe the Buddhist holiday of Ohigan. This holiday is observed in conjunction with the Fall Equinox. This year the official start of Fall is on September 22nd. It is the beginning of my favorite season when the weather begins to cool and leaves begin to change color.

On my days when I have time I have been golfing with retired bishop Rev. Kodo Umezu. I am enjoying immensely the time I get to spend with him. As it turns out we spend much of our time walking the golf course and talking about Jodoshinshu. At times we laugh at our inept talents on the golf course and liken it to our lives as *bombu* (hopeless beings).

Although somewhat of a stretch we recently came upon the #12 hole of the Monarch Bay golf course. The tee box is on one side of a large river with the fairway on the other side. As you can imagine our discussion turned to Zendo-daishi and his analogy of the river of fire and the river of water with the one small white path for crossing the river.

A traveler is heading west, when from behind he is pursued by bandits and wild beasts. The traveler flees for his life, but runs into a dead end. He finds before him a strange river that flows from the north to the south. Directly in front of him is a narrow white path that crosses the river. The river to the north is a river of water, with high waves seemingly too rough to cross. To the south, the river is not water, but is a river of fire. Flames blaze and leap high in the river of fire. Truly it is impossible to cross such a river of fire. In between these two rivers lies a narrow white path, merely inches wide. The flames of fire and the waves of the river lap over the narrow white path. The traveler is trapped. He cannot go back, as surely he will die by the bandits or wild beasts. He cannot go to the left around the river of fire, or to the right around the river of water. He could go forward, but the path is so narrow, he fears he cannot make it. But behind him he hears an encouraging voice urging him to go forward. From the other shore, he hears another voice saying "Come, I will protect you." And so the traveler begins to step forward, on the narrow white path, reaching the other shore being welcomed by good friends.

Reverend Umezu jokingly said to me, "I am the bandits behind you". I am trapped so I tee up my ball and proceeded to hit it right into the river. Having too much faith in my own abilities, I fail to cross over. A bit of a stretch, but it brings to mind the dilemma that we find ourselves in from time to time in life. In another moment Rev. Umezu said to me, "I am the Buddha encouraging you." Perhaps he was talking about my terrible golf game, but I think he was opening my eyes to the fact that although we find ourselves in difficult times, we are constantly encouraged to have faith in Amida Buddha.

Shakamuni Buddha stands with us encouraging us to say namoamidabutsu and have faith in Amida Buddha, the Buddha of infinite Wisdom and Compassion. Amida stands on the other shore (Ohigan) and calls to us to just come over just as we are.

Ohigan is a time to deepen our understanding of life through the nembutsu. In conjunction with Ohigan we will have three events in September to remind us of the meaning of Ohigan. On September 13th Rev. Kenji Akahoshi will lead a seminar at the Monterey Peninsula Temple. On September 20th we will participate in the California Coastal Cleanup.

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Special Points of Interest

Tri-Temple Ohigan Seminar
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi
Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple
Saturday, September 13, 2025 11:00am

Ohigan Service
Sunday, September 14, 2025 10:00am

Movie Night
Friday, September 19, 2025 2:00pm and
7:00pm

Tri-Temple Coastal Clean-up
Moss Landing State Beach
Saturday, September 20, 2025 9:00am

We will gather at the Moss Landing State Beach and help pick up trash along the beach. We will meet at 9:00 am. Please see the flyers in the newsletter for both events.

In Watsonville we will observe the Ohigan service on September 14th at 10:00 am. I hope you will be able to join us. Please stay safe and healthy.

Gassho,
Rev. Hosei Shinseki
Minister Emeritus



2025 Memorial Service Schedule

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2024	1st Year	2001	25th Annual
2023	3rd Annual	1993	33rd Annual
2019	7th Annual	1976	50th Annual
2013	13 Annual	1926	100th Annual
2009	17 Annual		

SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL September 7, 2025 @ 10:00 am

September Shotsuki Hoyo

Akiyama, Utaro	Koda, Masao Joe	Nitta Mito, Helen
Aramaki, Hisae	Koda, Mitsuno	Oda, Fred
Arao, Takanori	Kodama, Keichi	Okamoto, Tadao
Arao, Kiyo	Kondo, Alice Ayako	Ota, Goichi
Arita, Goichi	Kurosaki, Hiroshi	Ota, Zenichi
Fujii, Yoshiteru	Kusumoto, Kajizo	Sakae, Grant
Fujita, Frank	Kusumoto, Unotsuke	Saiki, Kihachi
Hamada, Fumi	Mametsuka, Larry	Shibata, Maxine
Hane, Kiichiro	Mano, Kojiro	Shiotani, Shig
Hatsushi, Rintaro	Mano, Miteru	Tanaka, Kojiro
Higaki, Henry Akio	Mine, Sayoko	Tanimasa, Masako
Higaki, Kazuna	Mio, Haruko Margaret	Tao, Sentaro
Hirano, Bill	Mitani, Don Kiyoshi	Torigoe, Yuki
Hirano, Kikuye	Mitani, Sally	Ura, Ernest
Idemoto, Kenji	Murakami, Fushi	Wada, Grace
Itamura, Kiyoshi	Muronaka, Haruo	Wada, Kinue
Ito, Toshiharu	Nagata, Asa	Wada, Michiko
Iwamuro, Kiyoichi	Nakamoto, Nakayo	Wakamiya, Katsushi
Izumizaki, James	Nakamoto, Shoso	Yamamoto, George Iwao
Kadotani, Katsukiyo	Nishimoto, Ito	
Kimoto, Yasu	Nishio, Kinu	

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL

October 5, 2025 10:00 am

October Shotsuki Hoyo

Akiyama, Sam Isamu	Kusumoto, Fred Kengo	Sasano, Fuyu
Akiyoshi, Masao	Mametsuka, Tom	Shibata, Matsue
Aoki, Sharon Harumi	Manabe, Masako	Shirachi, Masajiro
Arao, Phyllis	Manabe, Tsugiye Dorothy	Sumida, Mamoru
Chihara, Mitsuye	Matano, Yoshino	Suzuki, Fumiko
Fujii, Masayuki	Matsunami, Sumiko	Tada, Hana
Haneta, Atae	Mayeda, Kazue	Tada, Kazue
Hayashida, Miyeko	Mine, Elizabeth Libby	Tada, Richard
Hayashida, Yaye	Mino, Tadashi	Taniguchi, Sadakichi
Higaki, Bengo	Misumi, Alice	Tao, Minoru
Hirahara, Teruko	Murakami, Tom	Tao, Shigeo
Hirahara, Tommy	Nagata, Reichi	Tao, Tom Tomotsu
Hiwatashi, Jioji	Nakahara, Yoshiyo	Teshima, Chiyoko
Iizushita, Tsureko	Nakamura, Betty	Teshima, Takeshi
Ikeda, Kazuo	Nakamura, Kazume	Tsudama, Masato
Kadotani, Masataka	Nakamura, Mas	Tsuji, Frank
Kaita, Emiko	Nakamura, Tadao	Yamamoto, Satoko
Kawasaki, Yoshiko	Nishita, Dennis	Yamashita, Masayuki
Kikuchi, Hisato	Nishita, Wayne	Yamashita, Miye
Kimura, Yoshiko	Nitao, Kuniyoshi	Yamashita, Tokizo
Kobara, Kathy	Nitta, Fred	Yorita, Tsunesaburo
Kohara, Yoshihiro	Oka, Kenneth	Yoshida, Goro
Kowaki, Glenn	Phillips, Susan Tsukino Itaya	Yoshii, Jukichi

Thank you for your generous donations

Suzanne Yamanishi Family	Additional Temple Dues
Toshiko Yamashita	In Memory of Minoru Yamashita
Frank Yamashita Family	In Memory of Minoru Yamashita
Janice Tao	In Memory of Chie Sakaue
James and June Cornelius	In Memory of Tadao Nakamura (Father's Day)
Ryan Tao	In Memory of Tomoko Tao
Arthur and Joanne Hayashi	In Memory of Tomoko Tao
Judy Tokubo	In Memory of Barbara Shingai
Bill and Kathy Tsudama	In Memory of Masato and Toshiko Tsudama
Carolyn Misumi	Hatsumairi
Mabel Tamaki	In Appreciation
Keiju Terada	In Appreciation

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Dave Kikuchi	In Appreciation
Bill and Nora Louie	In Appreciation
Toshi Yamashita	In Appreciation
Gary and Cindy Mine	In Appreciation
Barbara Sakae	In Memory of Mary Hirano

Hatsubon

Richard and Susan Uyematsu	
Carolyn Misumi	In Memory of Sam Sakamoto
Kenny Kusumoto	In Memory of Fred Kusumoto
Sakaue Family	
Itaru and Aiko Nitao	In Memory of Chie Sakaue and Eiko Trapp
Bob Shingai	In Memory of Barbara Shingai
Fields and Carol Gunsett	In Memory of Tee Yamamoto
Perry and Kim Yoshida	In Memory of Mae Yoshida
Lori Yoshida	In Memory of Mae Yoshida

Obon

Tad and JoAnn Kato	Perry and Kim Yoshida	Hideko Kodama
Janice Tao	Nobue Fujii	Lori Yoshida
Itaru and Aiko Nitao	Itsuko Okamoto	Fields and Carol Gunsett
Anna Kammer	Bill and Ida Akimoto	Nobuko Akiyama
Mitsuyo Tao	Larry and Kathleen Nakamura	Reed and Nancy Kuratomi
Carolyn Misumi	Tadayoshi and Junko Haneta	Hideko (Mabel) Nagamine
Yoko Umeda	Jean Yamashita, In Memory of Iwao and Tomiko Yamashita	

Ohigan

Judy Plummer	Bill and Nora Louie	Esther Ura
Michael and Riiko Yoshida	Dennis and Susan Ikegami	Armando and Teresa Mendoza
Akiko Minami and Micah Posner, In Memory of Yasui Minami		

Hiroshima/Nagasaki 80th Year Memorial Service

Dennis and Susan Ikegami	Tad and JoAnn Kato	Gary and Cindy Mine
Mitsuyo Tao	Sheryl Wobber, In Memory of Satoshi Kubo	
Nobue Fujii, In Memory of Father, Cousins, Great Uncle, Grammar School 3rd Grade Classmates		

Shotsuki Hoyo

Seiko Takada Jabri	In Memory of Masako Takada
Marcia Hashimoto	In Memory of Ikuta Hashimoto
Kenny and Dori Kusumoto	In Memory of Masumi Kusumoto
Itaru and Aiko Nitao	In Memory of Kisae Hatsushi
Yoko Umeda	In Memory of Ben Umeda
Carolyn Misumi	In Memory of Sam Misumi
Tad and JoAnn Kato	In Memory of Masumi Kusumoto

TRI-TEMPLE BUDDHIST TEMPLES

MONTEREY, SALINAS & WATSONVILLE

HOST THE TRI-TEMPLE

FALL OHIGAN SEMINAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

11:00 AM

FEATURED SPEAKER

REVEREND DR. KENJI AKAHOSHI



HOSTED AT THE MONTEREY PENINSULA BUDDHIST
TEMPLE

1155 NOCHE BUENA STREET

SEASIDE, CA 93955

(831) 394-0119

Thank you to our blood donors



When you give blood
you give another birthday,
another anniversary,
another day at the beach,
another night under the stars,
another talk with a friend,
another laugh,
another hug,
another chance.



Thank you for your dana to the
community. Save the date for our
next drive. You will leave with a
smile knowing your donation
saved up to 3 lives

**Next Blood drive is
Saturday, November 8**

Tri-Temple California Coastal Cleanup

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

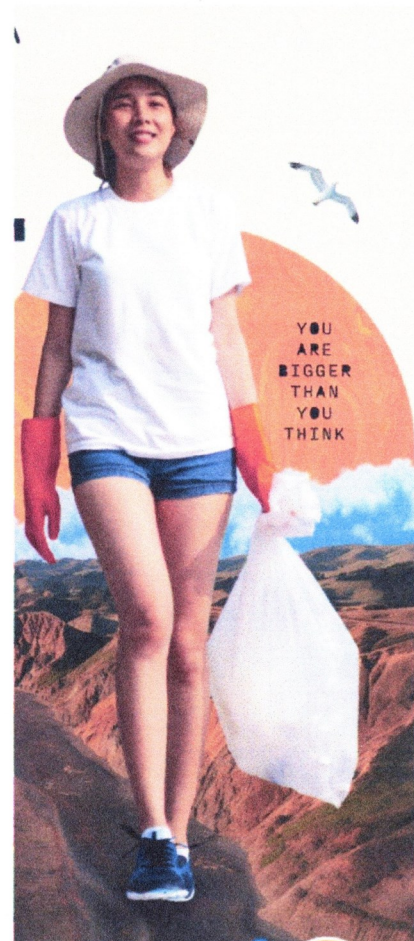
9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Potluck Lunch following cleanup

Moss Landing State Beach

End of Jetty Road @ Whale View Point

Bags and grabbers provided



Contact your local temple for more information:

Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple

(831) 394-0119

Salinas Buddhist Temple

(831) 424-4105

Watsonville Buddhist Temple

(831) 724-7860



It's A Colorful World

*A world without color would definitely be,
Uneventful and boring in our Land of Liberty.
Much like a parade needs its drums and fife,
The diversity of colors enhances our life.*

*The sun would rust without its coat of yellow,
And colors are a must for shimmering finger jello.
If Rudolph the Reindeer didn't have his red nose,
Oh ~ the problems it would have posed!*

*Black and white films were a hit in its hey-day,
Until Technicolor came and turned night into day.
However ~ history in black and white still inspires me,
As does "The Color Purple" starring Oprah Winfrey.*

*Colorful orchids that grace my room
Have decided it is time to rest their bloom.
And soon ~ Autumn leaves ~ brown ~ red, and gold,
Will replace Spring flowers ~ bright and bold.*

*If you are looking to get some "highs,"
Colorful fruit and veggies are good for the thighs.
A banana ~ blueberry ~ hemp and strawberry smoothie,
Will kick-start your day feeling spirited and groovy.*

*Anxious to dance to smooth Salsa moves,
We head straight for the gym in our colorful shoes,
In bright rainbow ~ pastel pink ~ blue and green,
Our shoes are sure to light up the scene.*

*Colors are connected to all Humanity,
Clothed in Brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
America was built by the sweat of many hands.
Yes! It takes a village ~ not just one man.*

*Our nation is known as a colorful melting pot,
Thanks to immigrants who gave it their best shot.
As a daughter of immigrants, I am proud to say,
I am absolutely ~ without question ~ here to stay.*



Please Join Us For
Fun with Namo Amida Butsu

Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference

October 19, 2025

Buddhist Church of Salinas

14 California St. Salinas, CA 93901

Registration	10:00 AM
Opening Service	10:30 AM
Closing Service	2:30 PM



Guest speakers Rev. Harry Bridge (English) and Rev. Hibiki Murakami (Japanese)!

Contact Gary Hongo, garyhongo711@gmail.com | (916)508-1751 or Joan Henretta, joan_henretta@yahoo.com | (805)878-9498 if you have any questions



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All you have to do is order food from a Panda Express restaurant near you. The Temple receives 28% from your **ONLINE ORDERS ONLY** placed for Fri., Oct. 24th.

What is great is you can tell all of your family and friends throughout the United States to order any items on the Panda website where they live and we receive 28% from their order. THIS IS APPLICABLE only on Fri., Oct. 24th to **ONLINE ORDERS ONLY** using Code **9005744** and picked up at your favorite Panda Express. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn Kato at (831) 252-7754 or email: buddhist@wbtemple.org.

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These are the choices you have:

A: ½ chow mein and ½ fried rice, orange chicken and black pepper sirloin steak.

Please check

☐ Delivery

B: ½ chow mein and ½ fried rice, mushroom chicken and honey walnut shrimp.

☐ Delivery

Name

Phone #

Address Delivery

I select: _____ qty of **A** x \$15.00 = _____

_____ qty of **B** x \$15.00 = _____

TOTAL: _____

Please enclose your payment, payable to Watsonville Buddhist Temple, with your order form and mail to: Watsonville Buddhist Temple; 423 Bridge Street; Watsonville, CA 95076. **PRE-ORDERS DUE by Wed., Oct. 15.**

**SAVE THE DATE
TRI-TEMPLE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

THE CLUB AT CRAZY HORSE RANCH

475 SAN JUAN GRADE ROAD, SALINAS



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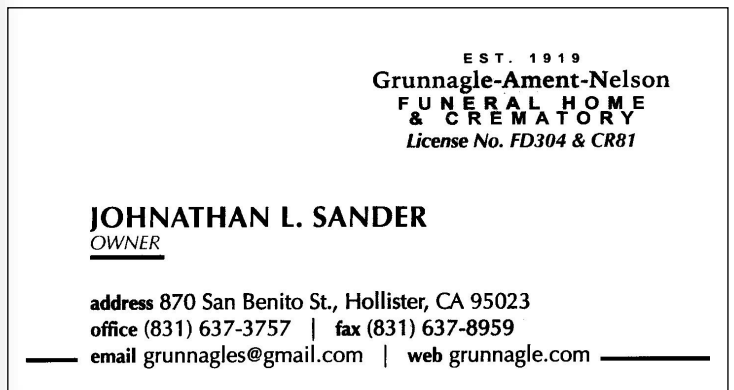
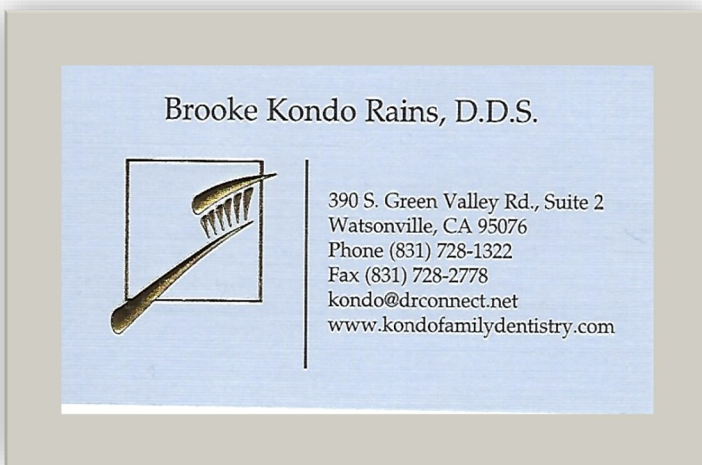
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September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2 <i>6p Board Meeting (in person)</i> 7p Scouts	3	4	5	6
7 <i>10a Shostaki Hoyo</i>	8	9	10 <i>2p Salvation Army Meal Project</i>	11	12 <i>3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution</i>	13 <i>11a Ohigan Tri-Temple Seminar</i>
		7p Scouts	<i>Ichimi Deadline</i>			
14 <i>10a Ohigan Service</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Movie Night 1st Showing 2p 2nd Showing 7p</i>	20 <i>9:30 Ikebana 9a Tri-Temple Coastal Clean-up</i>
		7p Scouts				
21 <i>10a Sunday Service 12p Private Family Memorial Service</i>	22 <i>9:30a Ikenobo</i>	23 <i>7p Scouts</i>	24	25	26	27
28 <i>10a Sunday Service</i>	29	30				
		7p Scouts				



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 <i>10a Shotsuki Hoyo/BW/4 Memorial Service</i>	6	7 <i>6p Board Meeting (Zoom)</i>	8 <i>2p Salvation Army Meal Project</i>	9	10 <i>3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution</i>	11 <i>11a Private Family Memorial Service</i> <i>1p Private Family Memorial Service</i>
12 <i>10a Sunday Service</i>	13 <i>Tri-Temple Golf Tournament</i>	14 <i>9:30a Ikenobo 7p Scouts</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>9:30a Ikebana</i>
19 <i>NO SERVICE</i> <i>10a Nembutsu Family Conference</i>	20	21 <i>7p Scouts</i>	22	23	24 <i>Panda Express Fund-raiser Code 9005744</i>	25
26 <i>10a Sunday Service</i>	27	28 <i>9:30a Ikenobo 7p Scouts</i>	29	30	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i>	