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On the term Hotoke Reverend Yuki Sugahara

*The Tathagata of Zenko-ji temple,
Taking pity on us,
Came to Naniwa Bay [in the form of a
statue]*

*At that time Moriya, not knowing the
word "Buddha" [110]
Applied the expression, "sick with fever" – hotoorike,
Insinuating that the Tathagata
Was causing an epidemic; Moriya's followers
All used the term hotoorike. [111] (CWS, p. 425)*

It has been over a year since I started the tradition of the virtual morning services, and now I am finishing the Shozomatsu Wasan. This is the last of the Three Books of Wasans written by Shinran Shonin containing over 350 Wasans, which means if you have not yet watched any of the videos, you have over 350 videos to watch! Good luck! Anyway, there was a big conflict among the Mononobe Clan (anti-Buddhism) and the Soga Clan (pro-Buddhism) when Buddhism first came into Japan.

These two Wasans teaches us how Mononobe no Moriya, the head of Mononobe Clan, disrespected and criticized Buddhism. Moriya called the statue of Tathagata as Hotohorike which comes from the word “ほとほる hotohoru” which is “ほてる hoteru” in modern Japanese word. “Hoteru” has the meaning to feel hot or burn with. Moriya used this term as the meaning, “sick with fever”.

There was an epidemic in Japan in the 6th century and Moriya claimed that the cause of the epidemic was brought on by Buddhism. So he burned down the temple and threw the statue of Tathagata away in Naniwa bay (now, Osaka). The Mononobe clan followed Moriya's understanding and called the statue of Buddha “Hototorike” and avoided Buddhism.

There are various opinions on why we call Buddha as Hotoke. Buddha is a Sanskrit word meaning “awakened one.” It is transliterated as 仏陀 Buddha. Another opinion offers the transliteration of the word Buddha as 浮屠 Futo or 仏図 Futto, and the Chinese added the Chinese character to express the school 家 ke. So, it became 浮屠家 futoke or 仏図家 futtoke

and later became the word Hotoke. Mononobe no Moriya said this is wrong and confused people by calling Buddha as Hototorike.

The court could not decide whether or not to accept Buddhism for the country, so they decided it is ok if it only stays as the personal belief of the Soga clan. However when an epidemic or something bad occurred, the Mononobe clan accused Buddhism for the occurrence, claiming that “In Japan, we have gods for all seasons, and these gods will be angry if we rely on the god of another country.”

The above is what I learned from Rev. Tomofumi Fujii, the former minister of Toronto Buddhist Temple in Canada who is now back in Japan, working at Nishi Hongwanji. He also said that the Chinese character 我 is I, my, me or mine. If we take three bars from this character, it becomes 仏, Buddha. So the difference between Buddha and me is blind passions such as the Three Poisons. If we take three poisons away from us, we become Buddha.

I think this is really a nice explanation. We have such a strong attachment to “I, my, me, mine” that it is almost impossible for us to discard the three poisons, but looking from the other way, 仏 Buddha is always in I, my, me, mine.” I cannot discard the self-centered mind, I cannot discard the three poisons, but because of this, Amida Buddha is always with me, to grasp and never abandon us.

The teaching of Buddhism is not to exclude someone or something. This is the teaching of harmony and peace. Thinking about why Shinran Shonin wrote Wasans on the term Hotoke, I am assuming that the incident of the exclusion of Buddhism overlapped with the exclusion of the nembutsu teaching in Shinran Shonin's time.

Some people in Shinran Shonin's time insisted that Japan was in rough times because of the nembutsu teaching. This attitude of contributing the cause of bad things to something people don't agree with has not changed since the time of Moriya. It is still the same in our modern day world.

Through the story of Moriya excluding Buddhism, I have to rethink my action and my way of thinking. I really hope that peace and tranquility prevails throughout the world through everyone realizing the danger of relying on self-centered judgment of what is good and bad.

Gassho

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Please contact the temple with any comments, questions or concerns, or if you wish to report a change of address.

Daily On-line Services

Reverend Yuki conducts daily on-line services including Sundays at 8 am. On Sundays he also conducts a service at 10 am. Go to the Oregon Buddhist Temple web site and "Check out the

[YouTube Channel of Oregon Buddhist Temple](#)

Or click on

[Oregon Buddhist Temple - YouTube](#)

June Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of June. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the June 13 Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Akiyama, Uhichi 6/12/1967	Kawasaki, Corky Tokuyoshi 6/7/2001	Okamoto, Misuyo 6/4/1997 *
Asai, Matsu 6/12/1967	King, Hugh Ryunyo Gerald 6/28/2014	Okawa, Misu 6/18/1978 *
Asawu, Benosuke 6/25/1963	Kinoshita, Kise 6/7/1989 *	Onishi, Shiz 6/2/2006 *
Aso, Benzo 6/25/1963	Kinoshita, Teddy 6/6/1956	Ota, Hajime 6/24/1987
Fujii, Mary Nakata 6/30/2017	Matsubu, Yone 6/5/1964 *	Sato, Yoshio Joe 6/12/1975
Fujii, Seiichi 6/25/1963	Matsuda, Denishiro 6/5/1956	Shido, Mary Miyeko 6/15/2000
Gekko, Harry Hare 6/12/2004	Mayeda, Soichi 6/26/1973	Shiiki, Asa 6/4/1991
Hamada, Tokuichi 6/1/1972	Mishima, Aster 6/7/1983 *	Shinoka, Kiyokichi 6/3/1959
Hanning, Adolph 6/1/1953	Mishima, Charlotte Ann 6/17/1961	Shiogi, Chiyo 6/9/1999 *
Harada, Kimie 6/16/2005 *	Mishima, John 6/23/2010	Sumino, George Yoshio 6/27/1996
Hasegawa, Tsune 6/13/1953*	Miyoshi, Toku 6/9/1987 *	Suzuki, Kagi 6/8/1984
Hasuiki, Torazo 6/30/1967	Muramatsu, Henry 6/15/2016	Takao, Hachiro 6/26/1962
Hondo, Mas 6/26/2004	Naganuma, Frank Y 6/17/1997	Takeuchi, "Tad" Tadashi 6/25/1997
Honma, Ed 6/6/1996	Niioka, Kiyokichi 6/3/1959	Tamiyasu, Eric M. 6/30/2001
Ikata, Yone 6/5/1964 *	Niiyama, Tanezo 6/7/1984	Uyeda, Mariko 6/28/1955
Kaga, Mura 6/24/1955 *	Ninomura, Yukiyo 6/16/1972 *	Yada, Yoneko 6/10/2006
Kagawa, John Masaaki 6/13/2001	Nishikawa, Kiyoshi 6/10/1979	Yamaguchi, Mary 6/20/2017
Kanno, Makoto 6/7/1993	Oguri, Kuni 6/29/1959*	Yasui, Shizue 6/29/2013 *

*OBWA member

2021 Memorial Services

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2020	1 Year	2005	17 Year
2019	3 Year	1997	25 Year
2014	7 year	1989	33 Year
2009	13 Year	1972	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for Loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements With Reverend Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

Condolences



To the family of Kazuhiko David Itamura of Honolulu, Hawaii, who passed away on March 24, 2021 in Honolulu. He was a frequent visitor at our services and Obon festivals while visiting his son, Carl Itamura and Carl's wife Val in Vancouver, WA.

Hatsubon Service

First Obon service following the passing of a loved one

Reverend Yuki Sugahara

We are planning for this year's Hatsubon. Because of the unique situation with COVID last year, there might have been more people who passed away than the funeral/memorial services I conducted. If your loved ones passed away after last July, please let me know so that we can include your loved one's name on the Hatsubon list. Also if you would like your loved one's picture included in the Hatsubon service, please send the picture to:

ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com



President's Column
Ken Garner, OBT President

*June is bustin' out all over!
All over the meadow and the hill!
Buds're bustin' outa bushes
And the rompin' river pushes
Ev'ry little wheel that wheels beside
the mill! ~~ Rodgers and Hammerstein*

I definitely feel like June has busted out. The days have gotten longer, the weather warmer, the plants are growing – we even have cherry tomatoes forming. Best of all, things are starting to open up around town. As vaccination rates are rising, the Covid 19 infection rates are dropping. Responsible public health officials are now talking openly about being able to resume life without the mask.

Several temple members have asked me about when OBT will re-open and when we can have in-person activities again. The Dharma School has had a couple of successful socially distanced events at the temple. The Board has formed a committee to look at re-opening commemoration event. We are being extremely cautious in determining when to re-open – the health and well-being of our Sangha is of paramount concern.

Not only do we have to consider the Covid 19 situation, but the temple basement restoration must also be complete before we can re-open. Each step of the restoration process we have uncovered asbestos that needs to be professionally removed and handled prior to being able to move forward. That has greatly slowed the progress. Please read the update from Cathy Yarne in this newsletter. Thank you Cathy and Jeff Yarne for the many hours and hard work you have put into managing this project for OBT!

In other news, the NW District Convention is just around the corner. OBT is the host temple this year. The convention will be unlike any other convention we have had. Like most other large events during this age of pandemic, the convention will be virtual. It will be a combination of recorded talks and live interaction. Rather than fitting everything into a single weekend, we are spreading the talks over a week that will be

viewable at your convenience. "The Art of Buddhist Living" will feature keynote speaker Reverend Peter Hata, a founding member of the legendary jazz fusion group Hiroshima and the current minister of the Los Angeles Higashi Honganji Betsuin. Other speakers include Kim Stafford, the State of Oregon Poet Laureate from 2019 - 2020, and Nobuko Miyamoto, actress, dancer, and cultural activist. Additional speakers are to be announced. The convention will be held September 12 - 19. More details are to follow.

Please stay safe and healthy. I encourage all who can to get vaccinated. I look forward to seeing you all in person soon.

In Gassho
Ken

2021-2023 OBT Board and 2021 Officers

Term Ending 2023: Angie Davis, Jeanette Hager, Judy Hittle, Cathy Yarne

Term Ending 2022: Erik Ackerson, Jayne Ichikawa (Vice-President), Katie Tamiyasu, Christine White

Term Ending 2021: Marilyn Achterman, Ken Garner (President), Mai Thi La (Secretary), Ann Shintani



A Note of Interest
Alfred Ono

The new speakers for the Portland Arts and Lecture series were recently announced. Eileen and I have been attending this for many years.

Among the 5 speakers will be Daniel James Brown. He is a New York Times best seller author from Berkeley whose latest book is Facing the Mountain which was just released on May 14, 2021. It is about the soldiers of the 442-infantry unit of Japanese Americans and the families of these soldiers, and the internment. It is also about peace advocate Gordon Hirabayashi. The book is based on research by the author who has also published other best seller books, including The Boys in the Boat, about the University of Washington crew that won in the 1936 Olympics.

The author will be talking, hopefully live, on October 14 2021 at the Schnitzer. We have found these talks very informative hearing about how they went about writing their books. I presume he will talk a lot about this book and its background since it is his newest publication.

The book is for sale on line, available at bookstores and in E readers. I presume he would be fun to hear the author speaking in October.

Ctrl Click on the below to see the interview of Daniel Brown by Densho Executive Director Tom Ikeda

[Watch the Facing the Mountain book launch event - Densho: Japanese American Incarceration and Japanese Internment](#)



Oregon Buddhist Women's Association

Marilyn Achterman

Another Good Day at OBT

On Saturday, May 22, five people converged upon OBT, unplanned, though with the same thought; Caring for OBT. With a sixties style headband and familiar smile was Craig with mower in one hand, blower in the other bebopping to the Eagles. Craig reminisces of his Grandfather, who was a gardener and his uncle a UCLA grad who followed his father's footsteps. Why? Because toiling the soil brings a deep sense of joy.

In rolls Jerry with weed whacker, rectangular tub and handy, dandy dandelion picker. After plucking this and that, we head out for a snack. Jerry backs in his truck, pulls down the truck bed for a McDonald's tailgate party! While enjoying a McChicken with a friend of the Dharma, I learned that years ago Mr. Fred Meyer and his mother visited the Sumoge apple orchard in Hood River.

Christine strolls by checking the grounds with thoughts of "when stronger, these are my plans".

Mr. Mike always has a plan. Up comes the car trunk, out comes the tools aiding in his years of dedication keeping the temple inviting and safe.

Bill is so knowledgeable. He shares his knowledge, his ideas and his time with the pine trees, trimming and weed control.

Craig pressure washed the concrete.

Slowly drive down 34th Avenue and stare at the temple and the surrounding grounds. This is the first impression of the storehouse of the dharma that brings each of us understanding, warmth, solitude, joy, awareness that each and every day is a good day.

Next month's reporter is Jayne Ichikawa.



Dharma School Happenings

Ann Shintani

We are winding down to the end of the 2020-2021 Dharma School year, with June 13, 2021 being our last virtual Dharma School class for the year. We will schedule an in-person activity for June, July and August, and have planned a field trip on Sunday, June 27th. We will keep you posted!

We were fortunate that May 16th was a sunny day as around ten Dharma School families gathered together at the temple for another in-person Dharma School activity. We wore our masks, and guest presenters Christine White, Etsu Osaki, and June Shiigi. They shared what they do at the temple with students. Ms. Osaki makes rice offerings (obuppan) for the shrines, which are made in the shape of Himalayan Mountains; Ms. Shiigi created artful flower arrangements for the shrines and other revered objects; and Ms. White displayed small butsudans that she refurbished for re-homing. For the past year, and nearly every day, Sensei has posted services for our Sangha, which must be recorded, edited, and broadcast. We started to learn juggling, and kicked off a Shinran statue project.

Our Dharma School made a modest donation to the [Young Buddhist Editorial](#) earlier this year. We were thrilled to hear about this new group, which recently reached its one-year anniversary. Their mission is to provide an on-line platform for expression and creativity. I am struck by the creativity and resilience of these pieces, from racial justice, what it means to be Buddhist, and quarantine. We received this message: "Thank you so much for your kind donation, Oregon Buddhist Temple Dharma School! Your support means the world to us and your contribution truly makes a difference to our organization. If you have any youth who would like to get involved, send them our way! With palms together, The Young Buddhist Ed."

By the way, the YBE posted a message from Bishop Marvin Harada, so I guess submitters need not be young but "young-at-heart".

The below article by OBT board member Jayne Ichikawa is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



The Science of Well Being

Jayne Ichikawa

What would be an eye catching and long lasting memorable article for the readers of this newsletter? These were my thoughts as I tried to prepare my article. The answer was, "I don't know, but an attempt has to be made." So here it is.

I started a free online course entitled "The Science of Well-Being" which was taught by a Yale professor last year during the pandemic. It presented many fallacies of what people thought would increase happiness in their lives. What I enjoyed about this class, however, was that it gave me strategies of putting into practice ways to increase "Happiness." The instructor gave seven daily practices for the participants. Many of these I am sure you have heard.

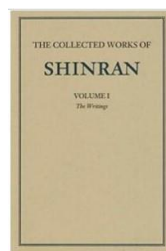
1. Make a social connection by giving or helping (even with a stranger).
2. Meditate which produces positive effects, improves mood, and stops mind wandering.
3. Reduce choices
4. Call; send a card, and/or text a friend.
5. Focus less on goals and enjoy the moment
6. Keep a journal. Write five things daily about a gratifying moment or experience.
7. Get enough sleep (7-8 hours)

So this was my list which I did try but not on a regular schedule. Fortunately it made me more mindful and aware of my behavior and thoughts.

One of the words that the instructor used that I remember was **SAVORING** which suggests amplifying a positive experience by activating your senses. By also tracking your mood and/or taking a photo, an experience becomes more memorable. During the pandemic, I have become a daily walker/hiker and the word savor has become very meaningful and practical. The beauty of nature has become so important for calmness, enjoyment, appreciation, and for my mental and physical health. Living in Oregon and in my neighborhood offers an abundance of opportunities.

The second word is **GRADITUDE** which we hear so often in our Buddhist teachings. We know it increases positive attitude, appreciation, makes one healthier, and strengthens social connections in our daily lives. I cannot complete my article without mentioning my joy, strengthening empathy, and appreciation for my four loving grandkids. During the pandemic one of the greatest difficulties was not being with them. However, the negative turned to positive because we connected more frequently by texting and contacting/seeing each other by Facetime. Now that the CDC has lifted many restrictions and many of us have been vaccinated, our lives are gradually becoming more normal. Finally in July our family will all be united at the Black Butte Ranch! Patience and perseverance work!

In closing I hope I will continue to remember this class, The Science of Well-Being as a valuable tool in my senior years. Now I have to consult Reverend Yuki on understanding and overcoming "Attachments" in our lives, specifically to grandkids. Below photo is hiking at the Japanese Garden.



Intermediate Buddhist Study Class via Zoom

When: Next class is Wednesday June 9, 7pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Participants are at their respective homes on their computers, communicating via Zoom.

This is a twice a month intermediate level Buddhist study class. Please contact Reverend Sugahara for more information.

Currently we are reading and discussing *Essentials of Faith Alone* in the Collected Works of Shinran.

Jodo Shinshu Flashcards Courtesy of Reverend Harry Bridge



- Greed, Anger, Ignorance is the Three Poisons and is also known as GAS, Greed, Anger and Stupidity
- This is Reverend Bridge's Three B's. He also says in classical music, the three B's can stand for the below famous composers. The little face in the lower right corner is another B. Who are they?
- Giving, Discipline, Patience, Effort, Meditation, Wisdom is the Six Paramitas, also known as Dana, Sila, Ksanti, Virya, Dhyana, Prajna. Paramitas is the Sanskrit for "other shore". Observance of the Six Paramitas is emphasized during the two Ohigan seasons in March and September.



Quotation of the Month

Truly, I am watched over by Namu-amida-butsu.
Etsu Osaki



Bon Odori Chris Dart

Hi All

I have a lot of plans for bon odori this year. Obon is August 7th, and it will again be virtual on Zoom, not what we wanted but we still need to be careful plus we don't have bathrooms or a basement. In the meantime, I have new equipment, and have done a pile of research, and think we may have the latency issues eliminated or greatly reduced. I'm testing this week – keep your fingers crossed.

During June our little Obon group will practice (same group as last year – Brenda, Ann, Elaine, and I). It has been a year since we danced so we need to get back into the groove. In July, we are planning on having regular Tuesday/Thursday practices like we used to do every year. Dance practice from July 8th (Thursday) through August 5th. – Tuesdays and Thursdays. The practices will probably be an hour long, plus a bit for extra help and chatting. Start time will be 7 PM. We will also do these live on Zoom. We will send out reminders and additional information on our dancers Japanese stuff email list. If you wish to be added, send me your email obon@oregonbuddhisttemple.com. Also let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Or just say hi – would love to hear from you. We will get the dance list up on our website <https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/obon-dance>. Also we will be adding dancing/teaching videos and pdf's of information.

We look forward to seeing everyone. Miss you all. Take care, stay well, and get your dancing shoes all ready to go!
Chris



Obon Lanterns Traci Kiyama

Can you believe Obon is around the corner already? Like last year, we will offer the chance to hang a lantern at Obon to remember someone who has passed or to honor an organization with a commemorative lantern. You may consider honoring a relative, friend, pet, or some other important person in your life.

We will have a service on Saturday, August 7 on YouTube. In place of physical lanterns, we will have a slideshow of lanterns with names. This will be shown during the chanting at service. The lantern slides will also be printed and displayed at the temple that day.

Please fill out this form online to order a lantern: <https://forms.gle/HmegkA7apTL241jr7>

The deadline for lantern orders is **Saturday, July 17**. Please consider a donation of \$15 per lantern to OBT. You can donate by:

1. Mailing a check to the temple (check made out to Oregon Buddhist Temple, mailed to 3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland, OR 97202)
2. Donating online through the temple website.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Traci: traci.kiyama@gmail.com



Congratulations Sahomi Tachibana

On April 29, Sahomi received the Government of Japan's Emperor's Commendation. The award was established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji and is the highest civilian recognition.

Memories

Jean Matsumoto, PureLand Path final proofer, Emeritus'



The first Board meeting I attended was in 1962 when Mrs. Hanako (Terakawa) Tamura had a stroke in the basement of Oregon Buddhist Church while teaching the odori to the gatha "Obon, Obon, It's Festival Day", which we learned at a NW District Sunday School meeting in Spokane and I inherited the position of Sunday School Coordinator.

I remember being the only female in the basement with the 24-member Board. Fujinkai (OBWA) toban ladies were in the kitchen preparing refreshments which were served during a break in the meetings which ran from 7:30 pm to at least 10:30 pm.

Mr. Masao Tamiyasu (Ed's father) was President and Mr. Tom Tsujimura (Kimi Iwamoto, currently soon to be 100 years old, and Jean Takashima's father and Katie's grandfather) was Treasurer. I always remember him, not only because Jean Takashima and my sister were childhood friends, but because I learned from him that the church needed to build an endowment of at least \$100,000 which was his goal and to me sounded like an awful lot of money. By 1996 when I was Board President, with many ladies on the Board and no OBWA ladies serving refreshments, our finance committee was talking a much larger amount.

Past Months' Newsletters

Can be viewed at the below link.

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When paper newsletters were mailed, donation envelopes were enclosed for those months that had special services and events. Now that the newsletter is available only electronically this is not possible. This is a reminder to encourage readers to continue the donations, not only for these events by anytime. Thank you.

January	Hoonko
February	Nirvana Day
March	Spring Ohigan
April	Hanamatsuri
May	Gotan-E Shiran Shonin Birthday Celebration
July	Kangi-e "A Gathering of Joy" Obon Service
August	Obonfest
September	Fall Ohigan
November	Eitaikyo - Perpetual Memorial Service
December	Year End Gift for the Temple

Oregon Buddhist Temple Donations for April

In memory of David Itamura

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In memory of Sauda Kinoshita

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In memory of Matsuyo Masuoka

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Hanamatsuri

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Gotan-e

Katie Tamiyasu

2021 Annual Pledge

Betty Hasuike Young

Monthly/Quarterly/Semi- annual Pledge donations

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OBT RECURRING ZOOM MEETINGS	
Meeting	Sign-in Info
Dharma Exchange Every 2 weeks on Sunday @ 11:00 am: May 9, 2021 May 23, 2021 Jun 6, 2021 Jun 20, 2021 Jul 4, 2021 no DE Jul 18, 2021 Aug 1, 2021 Aug 15, 2021 Aug 29, 2021	Meeting ID: 991 9789 7816 Passcode: 103319 Link: https://zoom.us/j/99197897816?pwd=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0lHeXNleVM4dz09 Dharma Exchange Topics June 6 through August 1 Jun 6 Butsudans (Home altars) Jun 20 Father's Day Remembrances Jul 4 th No Dharma Exchange—Happy Independence Day! Jul 18 After Your Time Is Up: Talking About Changing Customs Surrounding Death Aug 1 Social Activism and Social Responsibility
Happy Hour Every 2 weeks on Monday @ 7:00 pm May 3, 2021 May 17, 2021 May 31, 2021 cancelled Jun 14, 2021 Jun 28, 2021 Jul 12, 2021 Jul 26, 2021	Meeting ID: 945 6884 3906 Passcode: 677741 Link: https://zoom.us/j/94568843906?pwd=SUx0SG50cGNUajJweHNUUEJxQnh0dz09
Intermediate Study Class Every 2 weeks on Wednesday @ 7:00 pm: May 12, 2021 May 26, 2021 Jun 9, 2021 Jun 23, 2021 Jul 7, 2021 Jul 21, 2021	Meeting ID: 815 9359 3428 Passcode: 704135 Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTV0RicEN4MjhpNnNvOUxBZz09
OBWA Once a month on the Third Saturday @ 10:00 am May 15, 2021 Jun 19, 2021 Jul 17, 2021 Aug 21, 2021 Sep 18, 2021	Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266 Passcode: 574232 Link: https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09



[Ella Fitzgerald - Summertime \(1968\) - Bing video](#)

It's summertime and the living is easy
 Fish are jumping and the cotton is high
 Your daddy's rich and your mama's
 good-looking
 Hush, little baby don't you cry
 Don't cry, don't cry, don't cry
 No no no no
 Don't cry, don't cry

One of these mornings you're gonna
 rise up singing
 You spread your wings and take to the
 sky
 But until that morning there is nothing
 can harm you
 With your daddy and mommy standing
 by
 They are standing by, I know, don't cry



Cathy Yarne

Basement Update - When can we host in-person services?

We're finally seeing signs of progress, but we still have a ways to go! We had a few more setbacks which required re-thinking a few decisions, additional steps and meetings with contractors. As you can see in the photo, all the appliances (woks, oven, dishwasher, burners) and tables were moved into the main room so the kitchen flooring could be removed. The plumber has started working on the restrooms.

This is a rough idea of the next steps for remodeling/rebuilding: Once the plumbing is complete, they will replace the drywall that was removed. Then comes the painting of all the rooms (elevator room, restrooms, main room, kitchen). The floors will be installed after the painting is complete. Then the kitchen appliances will be re-attached and connected. Cabinetry and restroom partitions will be installed. Again, this is roughly what we expect to happen.

Charles Reneau has volunteered to "spruce up" the shelving in Jack's corner as well as reconfigure the shelves so we can better organize the space.

If all is working correctly, we will then have all of the things currently in storage brought back for us to organize and arrange.

The Oregon Health Authority has presented guidelines that enable us to gather in person. **HOWEVER, we cannot have in-person gatherings at the temple until we have fully functional restrooms.** I'm hesitant to give a date for when this may happen because there are so many steps to complete and so many potential "hic-ups" that could delay the process. Our hope is that we'll see each other in August. Thank you for your patience.



Kitchen



Men's room with Women's room behind exposed wall

Sangha Obon SAVE THE DATE August 7, 2021

Save the date for a smaller Obon, with opportunities to purchase items to enjoy, a chance to win prizes, visit the temple, make donations, and have a virtual Bon Odori.

Pre-registration is required to visit the temple on August 7th, so look for instructions in the July newsletter.

We are seeking volunteers to help with this Sangha event. Questions?

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