

# The White Path

## Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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### Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

Well, here we are in October. October to me always means Halloween. It is a time for laughing children in white bedsheets and superhero costumes. A time for chocolate candy, and pumpkins, and trick-or-treat. Each year during my childhood in Western North Carolina when twilight came on October 31<sup>st</sup> my siblings, friends and I would go from house to house hoping to fill our trick-or-treat bags full of candy.

I recall one year when darkness began to settle in, our usual signal that it was time to go home, I felt that my bag was not quite full enough. Against by older brother's advice, I fearlessly decided to visit a few more houses alone.

This also meant walking home alone in the dark along the gravel road that led to our house. The outline of the trees on the night sky seemed extra spooky that Halloween night. Night was setting in and it was getting darker and darker making it very difficult to see with no moonlight to guide me. The gravel beneath my feet as I walked was my GPS that kept me from wandering in the fields and woods. As I rounded a curve where the trees were thick and it seemed extra dark, suddenly there was a noise of rustling leaves behind me. I picked up my pace and as I did, I turned to see what was making the noise and what it was that seemed to be following me. It was two or three large white blobs that kept thrashing around behind me. Then suddenly they moved onto the road. This was very scary. I imagined these ghosts might have been following me since I had passed near a cemetery earlier that evening and only now with the leaves on the road could their presence be known. Too frightened to move, I somehow managed to run down the road as fast as I could until the blobs stopped following and disappeared back to where they came from. My fear subsided a little when I reached our front porch. As I lay in bed that night I wondered, can ghosts come through walls?

In our world today we are facing many fears, fear for our family's health, our country's economic stability, parents' or older friends' health, our own health, and many other fears.

Fear is a natural response that helps us protect ourselves and our loved ones, but it can also be inappropriate and debilitating. According to Buddhism, dealing with fear involves dealing with our perceptions. In fact, Buddhism defines fear as an error in perception. Fear stems from fantastical and terrible images that end up taking over your mind.

In some way or another, fear is linked to the past or to the future. It's linked to the past when we dwell on the experience that scared us. We're afraid that the same thing is going to happen to us again.

Fear is linked to the future because sometimes we imagine or suppose our future will bring difficulties or painful situations. Our future makes us feel small and that scares us.

Therefore, Buddhism insists that one of the best ways of dealing with fear is focusing on the present, the here and now. Directing our attention toward that keeps our mind from filling itself with fantasies that only feed unnecessary fears.

BTW those white blobs turned out to be a neighbor's Holstein milk cow that escaped from his barn.

Namo Amida Butsu

Reverend James Hozen Warrick

## With Heartfelt Sympathy

White River Buddhist Temple extends its deepest condolences to the family of William Geenty. A long time member of the Temple, Bill spent many hours working to make the Temple a better place for everyone. We'll miss you, Bill!



**Greetings from the Chairman!**

Hello, temple members:

October normally signals the beginning of Fall in the northwest and our White River Buddhist Temple Fall Bazaar. However, this year because of a recent uptick of Covid 19 cases resulting from the easily transmissible Delta variant, the Temple Board voted to cancel the Bazaar. The Board decided that any reduced proceeds generated from a severely slimmed down Bazaar would not outweigh the potential risk of exposing members, volunteers, and visitors to a very transmissible virus. It was thought to be better Safe than Sorry.

Although, the Bazaar is one of the Temple’s main fundraising events, its loss will be partially offset by gains in our investment accounts. So, the Temple is still on very solid financial footing. However, donations in lieu of the Bazaar will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to White River Buddhist Temple, P.O. Box 855, Auburn, WA. 98071-0855.

So, far we have three members that have volunteered to run for the 2022 Board of Trustees. We need at least one more. If interested contact Randy Okimoto (253 859 2605).

Finally, I encourage everyone to sign up to be vaccinated. It does not hurt, and it is the only way we can reduce community spread enough to fully get back to normal.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay at home, wear a mask, or GET VACCINATED!

In gassho,  
Randy

**September & October Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service Will Be Combined  
IN PERSON SERVICES - CANCELLED  
View online on October 3rd at 10:30am  
[www.wrbt.org/service](http://www.wrbt.org/service)**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of September and October. If any names have inadvertently been omitted or if you have any questions about Shotsuki services, please contact [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org)

**September**

Yae Okimoto	1972	May Fumie Kajikami	2003
Rikuye Kawasaki	1975	Janis Tsuneko Ikuta	2005
Charley Miyoshi	1983	Takejiro Hama	2009
Matsuo Sakagami	1988	Edward Tanaka	2013
Jackie Kawasaki Wills	1991	Lloyd Herndon	2014
Edwin Arima	1997	Nancy Tomiye Fujikawa	2015
Joe Toshio Nishimoto	2001	John H Hamakami Sr	2017
Jack Schilthroat	2002	Helen H Mizuki	2017

**October**

Kiku Kumasaka	1972	Urano Kato	1997
Naka Kiyohara	1975	Fumiko Nishimura	1997
Sen Natsuhara	1979	Tad Kato	2012
Yohei Hikida	1981	Shigeru Toyoshima	2013
Henry Ichiro Komatsu	1989	Mitsuko Hamakami	2014
Matsumi Matt Mikami	1993	Jean Masae Sakagami	2020
Masue Mosi Miyoshi	1993	John Kitagawa	2020

<b>1 year ~ 2020</b>	<b>3 year ~ 2019</b>	<b>7 year ~ 2015</b>	<b>13 year ~ 2009</b>
<b>17 year ~ 2005</b>	<b>25 year ~ 1997</b>	<b>33 year ~ 1989</b>	<b>50 year ~ 1972</b>

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org)

**Restart Committee & In-Person Ohigan Service**

An **Outdoor Ohigan Service** was approved for September 26, 2021 at 10:30am. If the weather is good, it will be held on the basketball court. If it rains, other plans may be in order. Register online [www.wrbt.org/ohigan2021](http://www.wrbt.org/ohigan2021) OR email [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org) OR call the Temple 253-833-1442.

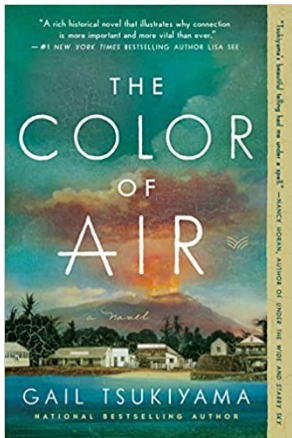
The Committee is purchasing a localized radio transmitter in order to be able to broadcast services from the front of the temple in case of inclement weather. The broadcast would allow persons to listen to the service in their car radio. We hope to make a trial run on October 10 or 17<sup>th</sup>.

**WRBT Virtual Book Club**

**The Color of Air**

By Gail Tsukiyama

Sunday, October 3rd @ 7 P.M.



**PARADE's Best Books to Read this Summer** "A rich historical novel that illustrates why connection is more important and more vital than ever." -*New York Times* bestselling author Lisa See

Daniel Abe, a young doctor in Chicago, is finally coming back to Hawai'i.

He has his own reason for returning to his childhood home, but it is not to revisit the past, unlike his Uncle Koji. Koji lives with the memories of Daniel's mother, Mariko, the love of his life, and the scars of a life hard-lived. He can't wait to see Daniel, who he's always thought of as a son, but he knows the time has come to tell him the truth about his mother, and his father. But Daniel's arrival coincides with the awakening of the Mauna Loa volcano, and its dangerous path toward their village stirs both new and long ago passions in their community.

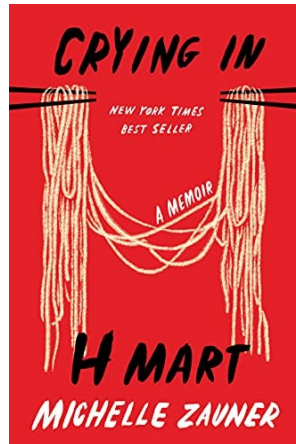
Please sign up at [wrbt.org/bookclub](http://wrbt.org/bookclub)

**WRBT Virtual Book Club**

**Crying in H Mart**

By Michelle Zauner

Sunday, November 7th @ 7 P.M.



**NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • A Best Book of 2021: Entertainment Weekly**

"...an unflinching, powerful memoir about growing up Korean American, losing her mother, and forging her own identity."

In this exquisite story of family, food, grief, and endurance, Michelle Zauner proves herself far more than a dazzling singer, songwriter, and guitarist. With humor and heart, she tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Eugene, Oregon; of struggling with her mother's particular, high expectations of her; of a painful adolescence; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond, late at night, over heaping plates of food.

Please sign up at [wrbt.org/bookclub](http://wrbt.org/bookclub)

**Buddhist Women's Association**

[BWA@wrbt.org](mailto:BWA@wrbt.org)

**WR BWA General meeting and election of officers:** A Zoom meeting will be scheduled for a Sunday in late November 2021. The main agenda item is election of officers for 2022. Exact date and time of the meeting are to be determined.

**Nomination of BWA officers** is now open for the following offices: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor. All current WR BWA members are eligible. Please email or call Georgette with nominations or questions at [oz.georgette@gmail.com](mailto:oz.georgette@gmail.com) or 206 854 7913.

**The annual Eshinni Ka-Kushinni service:** For Sunday, October 24, 10:30am, service, Rev. Warrick has arranged for Rev. Melissa Opel from the Spokane Buddhist Temple to be our virtual guest speaker. This service honours two important women in the Buddhist faith and BWA.

**Federation of Buddhist Women's Association:** Virtual meeting on Saturday, October 16. Vivian Alexander and Georgette I. Magnin will be our representatives.

Karen Murakami continues a weekly BWA Connections e-mail. Requests to be added to the distribution list or to submit articles, please send them to Karen's e-mail: [wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net](mailto:wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net)

No in-person BWA activities are scheduled. We will follow the guidance of the re-start committee.

**ABA**

No Activity. The September meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic. The next scheduled ZOOM meeting is November 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm. 2022 election of officers and oseibo will be discussed.

**Bazaar Committee**

In light of a recent increase in Covid 19 cases due to the Delta variant the Committee discussed whether the Bazaar should be cancelled or scaled back. It was agreed that the Board should make the final decision.

**Newsletter Reminder**

November newsletter articles are due **Sunday, October 17th**. Please send articles to [newsletter@wrbt.org](mailto:newsletter@wrbt.org). Save a tree and a stamp - receive your newsletter via email! Contact [newsletter@wrbt.org](mailto:newsletter@wrbt.org)

**Donations**

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from August 19<sup>th</sup> through September 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help us to conduct services, programs and maintain the temple. Please contact Charles Natsuhara, Assistant Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 833-0789, or by email to [finance@wrbt.org](mailto:finance@wrbt.org)

Donations can be sent directly to the temple. You can also make a donation by credit card at the temple website <https://www.wrbt.org/donate>.

**Total Donations Received - \$ 840.00**

**Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials**

M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	September Shotsuki
M/M Karen & Robert Nishimoto	In memory of John Hamakami
Mrs. Monica Furtik	In memory of John Hamakami
Mrs. Gayle Takemura	In memory of May Kajikami
Ms. Esther Kojima	In memory of Dolly Ito
Ms. Laurie Tanaka	In memory of Tsuki Tanaka
M/M Mabel & Paul Tomita	In memory of Amy Kato
Ms. Haru Hiranaka	In memory of Amy Kato

**Obon**

Mrs. Yuki Iwai	Mrs. Setsuko Hamamoto
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**Memorial Lanterns / Bon Odori**

Mr. Dennis Yamashita

**General Donations**

Ms. Patricia Cosgrove	In Appreciation
Anonymous	In Appreciation
Kiwanis Club of Kent, AM	Kitchen Use

**2021 Pledge Totals**

**August 1 - 31, 2021**

**Thank you for your support in 2021!**

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
Sept 1, 2021	\$4,000	\$36,730	45	\$5,275	\$35,350
<b>Amount Not Specified for Publishing:</b> Charles Natsuhara Miyuki Peterson Vivian Alexander (Corrected from Amt. Only to Name Only)					
<b><u>For Comparison</u></b>					
Sept 7, 2020	\$2,000	\$39,950	47	\$3,005	\$34,875

**Facilities Committee**

**Front sign repair:** JR Pewitt is coordinating a repair project of the wooden sign in front of the temple. They have repaired and installed the sign and are in the process of completing the roof. Thank you, JR, Charles, Junko and Georgette!!

**Bus Stop Upgrade:** King County has contacted the Temple about upgrading the bus stop on Auburn Way N as part of its Rapid Line system. They would like to acquire a 10 ft by 93 ft strip from the Temple to improve the bus stop area. It would reach about 1 foot inside our chain-link fence. We would receive compensation. They would like to meet sometime after Labor Day.

**Garden Maintenance & Fence Repair:** Mary and Randy are doing some weeding in the garden areas. JR and Charles continue to mow the lawn areas.

**Security False Alarms:** Even after the ADT repairman cleaned out back hallway sensor, we continue to have false alarms. We made another appointment on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> to replace the back hallway sensor.

**Temple Cell phone:** We are planning to switch to Comcast Xfinity cell phone service once Rev. Warrick gets back from vacation. It will save us \$50 per month.

**Temple Janitorial Work:** Randy is trying to empty the garbage and clean the bathrooms about once a week.



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### **Reverend Warrick's Formal Temple Office Hours (SUSPENDED)**

~~Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm~~

~~Sunday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm~~

For religious or other consultations and home visitations, we advise that an appointment be made directly with Rev. Warrick. Reverend Warrick is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies.

For ALL ministerial needs (including emergencies), please call the Temple phone (253) 833-1442. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and Rev Warrick will return your call as soon as possible. Note that calls will be forwarded to Rev. Warrick when he is not at the Temple.

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