

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

It has been officially two years since we started coming back to the temple after the Covid Pandemic kept us from meeting together. We were able to come together for the first time in April 2022 for Hanamatsuri when the weather was getting warmer and we could get together safely once the vaccines started rolling out. Two years is both a short time ago and a long time ago.

I say that our coming back was a short time ago when looking at the history of the White River Buddhist Temple. Our temple was founded in 1912. That is more than a hundred years of the White River Buddhist community! Two years is only a small portion of time compared to the over one hundred years of existence of the White River Sangha! That is a short time!

I say that our coming back was a long time ago when looking at the amount of time I have been here at the White River Buddhist Temple. I was assigned to White River as the resident minister as of November 2022 and we came back together in April 2022, before my time. This means us getting back together at the temple is longer than my time as the resident minister of the temple! That is a long time!

Time is relative; Comparing the same amount of time to two different places in time can show the deceptive perception of time. Every person perceives it and interprets it differently.

This is why in Buddhism, everything is empty, even time. It is not that time does not matter or that it is impossible to perceive time. It is that time, like everything else, is independent of other influences like how we try to perceive it.

I will leave you with these questions: Is April 2022 a short time ago or a long time ago? In two years, would now be a short time ago or a long time ago?

Gassho,
Rev. Cyndi Yasaki



Greetings from the President

It is March and spring is just around the corner! As I write this message the sun is out and it is supposed to get to 70 degrees today! With spring the flowers start blooming and everyone is out in their yards preparing for spring and summer. I hope you all can enjoy the beautiful weather.

Earlier this month we had a meeting to discuss Fundraising ideas for the Temple. We had a very good discussion and there were many good suggestions & ideas. Thank you to those who stepped up to co-chair our major events. For 2024 these are the fundraisers we will have:

- ◆ May 4 Plant Sale co chairs Gayle Takemura and Janis Yamada, food chair Char Grinolds
- ◆ Plants and garden starts, garden decorations and pots are welcomed. Contact the co chairs if you have anything you can donate
- ◆ May 25th Flower Bouquet pick up - chair Randy Okimoto
- ◆ This year we will offer a delivery option at Hillcrest Cemetery on Memorial Day
- ◆ Please let your families and friends know
- ◆ July 27 Obon co chairs Randy Okimoto and Tessa Asato
- ◆ July-October Raffle chair Roger Fukai
- ◆ Tickets will be sold at Obon, Convention and Bazaar, drawing will be at the end of Bazaar. More to come on this.

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President's Message Continued

- ◆ October 20 Bazaar co chairs Charles Natsuhara and Kelsey Asato

We will not have a rummage sale this year due to lack of storage space and increased activity at the Temple.

All of this along with our hosting the NW District Convention September 13-15 means we will have a very busy 2024! We will be asking for volunteers to help at all of these events so I hope you will be able to help at one or more of these events, even if it's only for an hour or two. If you have a favorite place to help please let me or the chairs of the event know. We want to accommodate your desires.

We are always looking for more ideas so let me know, all ideas are welcomed. They may have to be for next year but it's not too early to start planning!

Thank you everyone for your support and dedication to our Temple, we couldn't survive without all of you. We are small but mighty!

Gassho,
 Char Grinolds president@wrbt.org | 253-229-7340

April Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
IN PERSON (and Streamed Live) Service
April 7th at 10:30am
www.wrbt.org/service

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of April. If any names have inadvertently been omitted or if you have any questions about Shotsuki services, please contact office@wrbt.org

Richard William Arima	1983	Misao Tsukamaki	1999
Reiko Yamamoto	1989	Roy Fujisawa Bingo	2000
Dennis Tanaka	1990	Fujie Yabusaki	2004
Barbara Kimiko Tsuji	1993	Tetsuo Yanagawa	2006
Kenzo Kinoshita	1995	Kaoru Yanagawa	2010
Frank Masaru Arima	1995	Shari Watanabe	2010
George Akio Taketa	1997	Goro Kinoshita	2021
Frank Senji Natsuhara	1999	Kerry Taniguchi	2022

1 year ~ 2023	3 year ~ 2022	7 year ~ 2018	13 year ~ 2012
17 year ~ 2008	25 year ~ 2000	33 year ~ 1992	50 year ~ 1975

MEMORIAL SERVICES To remember those that we have lost, Jodo Shinshu has the tradition of holding memorial services in certain years after their passing. If you would like to schedule a service for your loved one who passed in the following years, please contact Rev. Cyndi via email at rev.jikaku.yasaki@wrbt.org.

With Sympathy

White River Buddhist Temple extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Wayne Mizuki. Wayne was an integral part of the Temple, having served on the board, was a past president, and helped chair many events. Wayne was a huge UW Huskies fan and we will miss him and his purple & gold attire!

Engaging with the Dharma
April 21, 2024

Join us for the "Engaging with the Dharma" group discussion after service. A discussion leader (usually one of our Sangha or Minister's Assistants) leads session with a short narrative on the topic of the day. Then the good part begins - asking questions and sharing your thoughts with others. This is truly what learning is all about. This month's topic is "Practicing Buddhism in Society - Acceptance and Tolerance" RSVP is not necessary; meet us in the back of the Hondo after service!

Obon Odori Exhibit
June 19 – October 13, 2024

This is a reminder to submit any old obon photos to office@wrbt.org or bring it to ther Temple. The White River Valley Museum will be having an Obon Odori exhibit "Dancing with our Ancestors" which will feature interviews, photos, and artifacts from the temple's Obon Odori festivals through the years. We have many of the artifacts that the museum would like to display but we do not have many pictures. **If you have any pictures, especially early pictures from the 70's and 80's or from the Christopher temple, please let the temple know.** As we learn of specific items we need to find for the exhibit, we will let the membership know. Please contact Charles Natsuhara if you have any questions.

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

BWA Spring Tea following Hanamatsuri (Flower Festival) service on April 14. Please signup for food offerings on the bulletin board. Help would be appreciated with setup, serving and cleanup.

WR BWA gratefully acknowledges a donation from Rev Anne Spenser. We appreciate the support to our efforts to spread the Dharma

Spring BWA general meeting was held on March 31. Grateful for the opportunity to meet members, plan activities, and have a bit of fun.

FBWA fundraiser, Friday, April 12 at Panda restaurants. Online orders only. You can choose pickup or delivery. Use code **920186** at checkout. 28% of sales donated to FBWA 2024 conference. Thank you.

ABA

The ABA is sponsoring a field trip to the Seattle Asian Art Museum on the afternoon of Friday, April 26, 2024. We've requested a docent-guided tour, but if one is not available, it will be a self-guided tour. Adults: \$14.99, Seniors and military \$12.99. A sign up sheet will be posted on the back hallway bulletin board.

The ABA picnic is scheduled for June 9, 2024 after service. Next ABA ZOOM meeting is Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1 pm.

Hanamido Decorating
April 13, 10:00am

We appreciate any donations of flowers for decorating the hanamido. Please bring them on Saturday, April 13th by 10:00am or contact office@wrbt.org to arrange drop off at a different time. Thank you!



Shirakawa Strummers & Singers

The Shirakawa Strummers will resume rehearsals on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:30 in the back classroom. All are welcome to join!

COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES

Miri Cypers – Sunday, April 7, 2024

Please join us in welcoming, **Miri Cypers, Regional Director, ADL Pacific Northwest**, on April 7th, following service. Services at White River Buddhist Temple (WRBT) begin at 10:30 am.

Miri will speak to us on the work that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is doing to build stronger and healthier communities. She will provide a slide and a verbal presentation about the role of ADL Pacific Northwest. Miri's presentation will include time for questions and answers.

For over 75 years, ADL's Pacific Northwest Region has provided services and resources to the five states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Hawaii is included in the work of the ADL to combat antisemitism and hate.

Miri Cypers' office released a report in 2023, stating that antisemitic incidents were up 63% in the northwest region in 2022, with 65 incidents reported. This is the highest number since the Anti-Defamation League did its very first annual audit more than four decades ago.

Everyone is invited to stay for appetizers and deserts following the presentation.

Newsletter Reminder

March newsletter articles are due **Wednesday, April 17th.** Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. Contact newsletter@wrbt.org

Temple Clean Up
Saturday, March 30th, 9:00am

Join us as we do some spring cleaning inside the Temple. We will also be cleaning the Onajin fixtures at the same time.

Service Volunteer Sign Up

Sign up to help with weekly services.

- ◆ Chair service
- ◆ Bring and arrange flowers for the onajin - we can help arrange if you wish.
- ◆ Bring fruit for the onajin
- ◆ Ring Kansho before service



Sign Up at bit.ly/WRBTservice (case sensitive) or contact office@wrbt.org.

Be a Convention Booster!

White River Buddhist Temple is thrilled to be hosting the 77th Annual NW District Buddhist Convention on September 13 - 15, 2024, at the Muckleshoot Casino Resort in Auburn, WA. Such an event is not possible without the generous support of our community! You can help defray the costs of hosting our convention by making a donation towards the event as a Convention Booster! Your name will be listed along with other Convention Boosters on a special page in the program booklet.

Giving levels include the Wisteria level (\$25), Peony level (\$50), and Lotus level (\$100+). Deadline to submit your donation is **August 4, 2024**.

Learn more and become a booster today by visiting www.nwdconvention.org! Forms are also available at the Temple.

Kroger Community Rewards

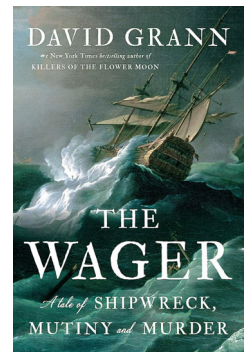
Did you know that Fred Meyers makes donations to community organizations? If you have a Fred Meyers Rewards card you can designate White River Buddhist Temple as the organization that you would like them to make a donation to based on your spending. If you don't have a rewards card you can get one online, set up the account on your computer or your phone, go to reward card rewards choose community rewards and select White River Buddhist Temple. Fred Meyers will send a check to White River quarterly, don't forget to use your rewards card every time you check out.

Virtual Book Club

April 14, 2024
7:00 pm

Sign up at wrbt.org/bookclub

The Wager by David Grann



White River Buddhist Temple Presents:

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

MAY 4, 2024 | 10 AM - 2 PM

Vegetables, Flower Starts, Hotdogs, & More!

White River Buddhist Temple

3625 Auburn Way North
Auburn, WA 98002

Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser

Our annual plant sale will be held this year on Saturday May 4 from 10-2. You can help by donating items for the sale as well as come to purchase plants or other items.

We will need potted plants, bedding plants, vegetable starts, flower starts, perennials and more.

Decorative pots, tools and any other garden related items are also welcome.

Volunteers will be needed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 1-3, from 10-12, to help receive donated items and categorize the plants. We will also need volunteers on Saturday May 4 to help with set-up, sales and cleanup.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

If you have any questions please contact :

Gayle Takemura pgtakemura@gmail.com or Janis Yamada yamadajanis@gmail.com

Thank you.

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sukiyaki

Sunday, April 21

Order Deadline: April 13

Dine-In: 11:00am – 1:30pm

Drive -Thru: 2:00pm – 4:00pm



Order Today!

All orders are pre-order. You choose to dine-in or drive-thru to enjoy our special sukiyaki and chicken teriyaki meal.

Each meal will be served with our mochi cupcake, Japanese rice and tsukemono.

Order at www.tacomabt.org: online or print the PDF order form and mail in check.

1717 Fawcett Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from February 19th through March 18th. 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, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 833-0789, or by email to finance@wrbt.org. Donations can be sent directly to the temple or you can also make a donation by credit card at the temple website <https://www.wrbt.org/donate>.

Total Donations Received - \$31,575

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

Mrs. Karen Little	In memory of Kayo and Toshi Terayama
M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura	In memory of Shigeru Nishimura & Yasumi Kinoshita
Mr. Kent Nishimura	In memory of Shigeru Nishimura & Yasumi Kinoshita
Mrs. Michelle Emiko Phillips	In memory of Tsutae Tiny Taketa
M/M James and Ikuko Dodobara	In memory of Tsutae & Harry Taketa, Tazo & Oshie Kiyota
Mrs. Lilly Kato	March Shotsuki
Mrs. Katie Komoto	March Shotsuki
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	March Shotsuki
Mrs. Tomeko Taketa and Micah Bailes	In memory of Ben and Tsutae Taketa, Steve Kato
Mrs. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Hiroto Mizoguchi
Ms. Laurie Tanaka	In memory of Maki Yamada and Yoshio Horiuchi

Memorials

In memory of Don Gardner

M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura	Ms. Vivian Alexander	Mrs. Lilly Kato
Mrs. Sally Mizuki	Roger Fukai & Shirley Kanda	Ms. Marion Nishimura
Ms. Kiyomi Taketa-Ozanich	Mrs. Gayle Takemura	Mrs. Connie Toda

Ms. Frances Shintaku	In memory of Ruby Nakamura
M/M George & Carole Suzuki	In memory of Helen Yamamoto
M/M Junzo & Masaye Nakagawa	In memory of Helen Yamamoto
M/M Stuart Kumasaka	In memory of Helen Yamamoto

Nirvana Day, Pet Memorial

Ms. Darlene Yamada Roger Fukai & Shirley Kanda

Ohigan

M/M Sharon and Mark Kosai

General Donations

Rev. Anne Spencer	In appreciation
Roger Fukai & Shirley Kanda	Recycling program
Ms. Susan Taketa	In appreciation
Akiko Mikami Shimatsu Foundation	Temple Maintenance and Bon Odori upgrade

**2024 Pledge Totals
February 1 - 29, 2024**

Thank you for your support in 2024!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
March 6, 2024	\$7,100	\$26,520	29	\$7,285	\$23,545
<u>For Comparison</u>					
March 1, 2023	\$3,025	\$18,695	22	\$3,075	\$16,135

Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Anonymous #7

Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Joe Watanabe Lilly Kato

Under \$500: Anonymous #10 Cris Cyders Melissa Upton Cyders James Dodobara
Ikuko Dodobara

\$500- \$999: Anonymous #11

\$1000 - \$4,999: Anonymous #8 Anonymous #9

\$5000 - \$10,000:

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Formal Temple Office Hours by Appointment Only

For ALL ministerial needs (including emergencies), please call Rev. Cyndi Yasaki's cell phone. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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