

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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 the Spokane Buddhist Temple
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 activities and services. Visit us online at:
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Calendar of Events

December 2019

- Dec 1st Sun 10:30 am Sangha Service & Dharma School
 12:00 pm Religious Education Committee Meeting
- Dec 8th Sun 10:30 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School
Board Member Election Ballots due
- Dec 9th Mon 6:00 pm Board Meeting
- Dec 14th Sat 3:00 pm **Workshop with Rev. Miyaji** (see page 4)
- Dec 15th Sun 10:30 am **Bodhi Day Service with Rev. Miyaji** (see page 4)
- Dec 21st Sat 10:00 am **Forza Coffee Meet Up** (see below)
- Dec 22nd Sun 9:00 am Shoshinge Chanting Practice
 10:30 am Service & Dharma School
- Dec 28th Sat 12 - 3 pm Make Mochi for Mochi Fest ****Volunteers needed****
- Dec 29th Sun 10:30 am Sangha Service & Dharma School
 11:30 am - 1 pm Mochi Fest (see page 3)
- Dec 31st Tues 7:00 pm **Joya-E New Year's Eve Service** (see page 4)



December Giving Boxes

We are putting two donation boxes downstairs in December for:

- Lutheran Services: Clothing for rape victims - prefer new, but will take good quality used.
- Odyssey Youth Movement: Hats, gloves, underwear, socks for their necessities closet.



Get together with other Sangha folks for a chat
 10 am - Saturday - Dec. 21st
 At Forza Coffee
 Lincoln Heights Shopping Center
 2829 E 29th Ave, Spokane

Join Temple Board & Minister Assistant members at
 Forza Coffee on 29th in Lincoln Heights for an informal chat.
 All are welcome!

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Sangha Services— Our Sangha Service (Sangha is the Sanskrit word for Buddhist community) is a traditional Jodo Shinshu service with chanting led by a Doshi. Services are at 10:30 am on Sundays at the Temple. We meet after service for refreshments and sometimes a dharma discussion.

- ◆ **GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**
We no longer mail out the newsletter. IT IS EMAILED IN COLOR. Email: SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com
- ◆ **For the latest Temple Information VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:**
www.facebook.com/SpokaneBuddhistTemple
- ◆ Visit the **Buddhist Churches of America** Website: www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org
There is a wealth of information, podcasts, and information about Shin Buddhism on this site.

Spokane Buddhist Temple Team
-Supervising Minister-
Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin



---Minister Assistants---
Sensei Paul Vielle (ret.)
Sensei Melissa Opel
MA Chad Donoho
MA Eric Kerkove

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Have questions? Contact Board
President Celeste Sterrett
at 509-599-8378
dcsterrett@yahoo.com



October 16, 2019
(left to right)
Minister Assistant
Eric Kerkove;
Reverend Kodo
Umezu, Bishop;
Sensei Melissa Opel;
Minister Assistant
Chad Donoho

DHARMA SCHOOL

We need additional teachers. Please talk to a Minister Assistant if you are interested in 1 Sunday/month.

Thank you Aiko, Jacqui, Marji & Harumi





Shotsuki-Hoyo

The monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on December 8th. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 17 people passed away during the month of December of their respective year:

Clarence Nelson
Patricia Rose Simonet
Rev. William Shigeo Terao (Founder of SBT)
(Mrs.) Yuki Tsuji

Janis Birkel
Yukiko Evans
George Lapoint
Rachael Phillips
James Stewart
(Mrs.) Kayo Tsuji

Skylar Cullitan
Yoshitaka Inouye
Otokichi Matsuo
Madelyn Isabella Sapp
(Mrs.) Mary Tsugie Terao
(Mrs.) Michiko Tsuchida
(Mrs.) Yoshiko Uchida

Notice from a group using our Temple:

Introductory Passage Meditation Workshop

Spokane Buddhist Temple, 927 South Perry Street, Spokane 99202

Introductory workshop introducing Sri Easwaran's form of Passage Meditation, specifically designed for the Western "monkey mind."

4-week session - Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 pm - January 7th through 28th, 2020

Format: video instruction and discussion followed by 1/2 hour of meditation. More information: Sri Easwaran's book *Passage Meditation* is available at local bookstores and through the internet at Bmcm.org. NO FEE but a donation to the Temple is suggested. For more information call: Mary at (509) 570-6876



Spokane Buddhist Temple MochiFest

Sunday, December 29th
11:30 am - 1 pm
Spokane Buddhist Temple
927 S. Perry, Spokane

This is a Japanese New Year's Tradition. Around New Years, many Japanese households will take part in the annual tradition of mochitsuki (餅つき), the pounding of rice to make mochi. Mochi, also called a rice cake, is pounded sweet rice that can be eaten in a sweet or savory dish. We make ours with a mochi machine. We will have Japanese items for sale.



Traditional mochi, mochi desserts & other baked goods will be for sale.

**** We are also selling Japanese & Buddhist items ****

All proceeds go to our Minister Assistants' education.



BUDDHIST WORKSHOP
“Living Ethically From A Shin Buddhist Perspective”
with Reverend Dr. Takashi Miyaji
From the Tacoma Buddhist Temple
SATURDAY – DECEMBER 14th – 3 – 5 PM
Spokane Buddhist Temple - \$20 Suggested Donation

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will discuss how Buddhists can live an ethical life. He specializes in the areas of Japanese Buddhism and religion, translation of Buddhist scripture, and Jodo Shinshu doctrine and ethics. The workshop will be followed by a question & answer period.

BODHI DAY SERVICE
SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15th - 10:30 AM
with Reverend Dr. Takashi Miyaji

Bodhi Day is the day Buddhists celebrate the Buddha’s Enlightenment. According to tradition, Buddha (Siddhartha) had forsaken years of extreme ascetic practices and he resolved to sit under a Pipul tree and simply meditate until he found the root of all suffering, and how to liberate one's self from it.



Rev. Takashi Miyaji has been a minister of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple since December of 2017. He was born in Ogden, Utah, and grew up in Los Angeles, California. He has graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy and Japanese language and literature. He also attended the Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley, California and received a Master’s in Buddhist Studies; Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan with a Master’s Degree in Shin Buddhist Studies; and completed the doctoral coursework at Ryukoku University. He specializes in the areas of Japanese Buddhism and religion, translation of Buddhist scripture, and Jodo Shinshu doctrine and ethics. Takashi has received his Tokudo and Kyoshi qualifications at the Honpa Hongwanji school located in Kyoto, Japan. He is currently working on his dissertation on Shin Buddhist ethics.

Service Followed by a POTLUCK Lunch



JOYA-E NEW YEAR’S EVE SERVICE
“Bell of the Last Night”
TUESDAY – DECEMBER 31st - 7 PM
A Family-Friendly Service

Ring out 2019! Ring in 2020! with the “Bell of the Last Night Service,” a cultural, spiritual Buddhist observance called Joya-E. Everyone who attends will participate in the ringing of the “calling bell” a portion of 108 times during the service. This symbolically rings out the 108 delusions of woman and man and rings in our aspiration to overcome ignorance, greed and anger in the coming year. It’s a way to reflect on the events of 2019 and “move away from our selfish and ego-centered ways.” There will be a 40-minute service. The temple’s Kansho bell was dedicated in 1965. The Kansho, or summoning bell, calls people to the temple and marks the beginning of each service.

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Volunteers Needed for Mochi Fest

- Make baked goods (Japanese desserts and/or other baked goods)
- Come Saturday 12/28 (12 - 3 pm) to make mochi to sell
- Learn how to make traditional mochi

Contact a Minister Assistant or email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com

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Other Groups Using our Space at the Spokane Buddhist Temple

Passage Meditation Group - Tuesdays

More information: call Mary Naber: 509-570-6876. Also, "Learn to Meditate" on the web: <http://www.easwaran.org/introductory-passage-meditation-course-introduction.html>. No meditation Christmas & New Year's Eve.

Keiko Von Holt & Sumi-E - Thursdays

Keiko teaches the Japanese watercolor art of Sumi-E at our temple. Please contact her if you are interested in her classes. Email: keikossumie@aol.com.

Japanese Language Class For Absolute Beginners - Fridays: Contact Harumi if you are interested in a 12-week Japanese language class - harunora0317@hotmail.co.jp or text 509-599-3678