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Buddhist Church of Florin



June 2026

Volume 6

Shining in Our Own Colors



Hello, everyone. June is here. This month, we have Father's Day. Last month was Mother's Day. Did you do anything special? I called my mother in Japan. I didn't send flowers, but I showed her around America through a video call. My mother had never been to the U.S., so everything was new to her. She always said, "I love looking around supermarkets in new towns." So, I went into a local supermarket and showed her all the items she had never seen before.

Since it was Mother's Day, there were many flowers for sale. My mother knows a lot about flowers, so I was happy to show them to her. My father wasn't there at that time, so I'm thinking of doing something for him on Father's Day.

Looking at the flowers, I remembered a Buddhist teaching. In the Amida Sutra, there is a phrase: "Blue light from blue flowers, yellow light from yellow flowers, red light from red flowers, and white light from white flowers."

In the Pure Land, lotus flowers of different colors shine in their own way. They don't compare themselves to others. They are all beautiful and special just as they are.

A chrysanthemum seed cannot bloom into a rose. A chrysanthemum is a chrysanthemum, and a rose is a rose. Each flower lives its life to the fullest, and that is wonderful. The message is the same for us. Even if our looks, personalities, or talents are different, the most important thing is to bloom as ourselves and let our own lives shine.

Here is an old story from India: "The Cracked Water Jar."

A woman carried water every day in two large jars. One jar had a crack, so by the time she got home, it was only half full. The other jar was perfect and proud. But the cracked jar felt ashamed and useless.

One day, the woman said gently to the cracked jar, "Did you notice the flowers blooming only on your side of the path? I planted those seeds. Thanks to the water you leaked, they grew. Every day, I pick those flowers and offer them to the Buddha."

The cracked jar was helping someone and making flowers bloom without even knowing it. The woman recognized the good in both jars. Everything has a meaning, and nothing is a waste.

During this season of Father's Day and Mother's Day, let's stop comparing ourselves to others. I want to do what I can do and keep blooming in my own color.

Namo Amida Butsu

Last Month's Quiz Answer

This quiz is based on something mentioned in the article.

What does the teacher's message, "You will become more foolish," really mean?

- A. Students will forget what they learned and become less intelligent
- B. Students will empty their minds so they can fill it with new knowledge
- C. Students will come to realize their limitations and understand themselves more deeply

Based on the context of the article, the correct answer is C.

The teacher's message, "You will become more foolish," is a paradoxical way of saying that as students grow and learn, they will gain the humility to realize how much they don't know. It suggests that true wisdom involves recognizing one's own limitations and understanding oneself more deeply, rather than simply accumulating facts or intelligence.

 Next Quiz

In the Amida Sutra, it says,

"Blue flowers shine blue light, yellow flowers shine yellow light."

What important message does this teaching share with us?

- A. It is important to become the same color
- B. The most noticeable flower is the most valuable
- C. Each flower shines beautifully in its own color
- D. Some flowers are better than others

(Answer will be revealed next month!)

In Gassho,

Rev. Noritaka Imada

If you need to contact Rev. Imada, you can email him at: imadabca@gmail.com (916) 383-1831



BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN

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May 20, 2026

Dear Sangha:

Before we get too much further into 2026, I want to let you know about some important things that have been happening at the Buddhist Church of Florin:

- Have you noticed? The church parking lot has been resealed and striped and is now in good condition.
- The original windows in the gym are being replaced with dual-pane windows. This, along with insulation already added to the building, will help to moderate the temperature— keeping it cooler in the summer, warmer in winter.
- Wood expansion joints in the courtyard were removed and replaced with cement to level the area.
- The south side steps and landing at the Old Temple were replaced and painted.
- The Obon Committee is preparing for Obon/Hatsubon which will be held on July 18, 2026. The Committee needs volunteers to assist with this celebration. If you can help in any way, please contact Lois Kashiwase loiskash2@comcast.net
- We still need to fill the BCF Board President vacancy for the September 2026 - August 2028 term. Training, assistance, and mentoring will be provided. Please contact Eric Fujii efujii52@gmail.com if interested.
- A quick reminder: when making a monetary donation in memory of a loved one, please provide first and last names of the donor and person being honored. For special donations, provide the purpose of the donation, e.g., service, project, etc., and clearly state donor's full name.

Lastly, thank you for supporting the BCF by helping at fundraisers, maintaining the facilities, hosting social events, working on committees, and monetary donations. Your dedication and commitment are sincerely appreciated.

In Gassho,

Eric Fujii, President
Buddhist Church of Florin

June Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyō) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of June will be held on **Sunday, June 14, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am.** The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin's (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of June are listed below. If you have a homyo (Buddhist name) on a card, please bring it with you for placement on the onaijin (altar) before the service. If the year 2026 is a special service year (see table) for a dearly departed love one, please contact Reverend Noritaka Imada, Buddhist Church of Florin at 916-383-1831 or email imadabca@gmail.com to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

Andersen, Jeanne Hanae	06-21-2019	Nishida, Shinichi	06-25-1936
Baishiki, Midori Barbara	06-01-2016	Nishida, Tsuneo	06-14-1920
Baishiki, Sadao	06-12-2011	Nishikawa, Yukuno	06-21-1975
Baishiki, Toichi	06-20-1952	Noda, Chiyo	06-03-1976
Chano, Masajiro	06-27-1904	Noda, Fred Nobuyuki	06-20-1986
Collins, Roy Earsel	06-03-2014	Ohmoto, Yasugoro	06-22-1914
Fujii, Kengo	06-07-1920	Okamoto, Bill Takeshi	06-22-1995
Fujii, Sallie Chisato	06-12-1985	Okamoto, Tom Yukinao	06-20-2016
Furukawa, Ben	06-06-1989	Sakaoka, Shunjiro	06-15-1949
Furukawa, Myrtle Natsuye	06-20-2011	Sato, Shimajiro	06-08-1972
Hamataka, Eimatsu	06-12-1971	Sawai, Tsuru	06-15-1935
Hirakawa, Jun	06-15-1935	Stillborn,	06-25-1923
Idemoto, Takezo	06-09-1916	Sumida, Hiro	06-14-1959
Isa, Toshi	06-30-1919	Tahara, Hatsuko	06-26-2006
Ishimoto, Ise	06-20-1906	Takeda, Baby Girl	06-07-2002
Ito, Isao	06-07-1979	Takeda, Tadao	06-21-1934
Ito, Shizuko	06-25-1993	Takehara, Tami	06-04-1963
Kadoya, Ed Tokio	06-03-1985	Takemoto, Kumajiro	06-26-1935
Kadoya, Jerry Masaru	06-27-1976	Takeoka, Frank	06-13-1932
Kawamoto,	06-13-1910	Takeoka, Yuriko	06-04-2022
Kawasaki, Kazuo	06-06-1938	Taniguchi, Matahachi	06-06-1927
Kawashima, Yakuye	06-05-1921	Taniguchi, Takeko	06-29-2020
Kobayashi, Zennosuke	06-04-1917	Tanihara, Toyoko	06-17-2025
Koyama, Fumiko	06-21-1926	Wood, Kaye Kikuye	06-25-2021
Kumamoto, George	06-03-1979	Yamada,	06- -1916
Kurima, Toyoki	06-22-1942	Yamamoto, Gary Russell	06-20-2012
Lee, Kingsley Ken	06-01-2020	Yanagishita, Shuzo (stillborn)	06-25-1923
Matsusaki, Iwakichi	06-28-1950	Yoshinaga, Haruye	06-23-1943
Muranaka, Sally Shizuko	06-22-2014	Yoshinaga, Iwako	06-17-1972
Nakao, Joe	06-17-1992	Yubuta, Shigeichi	06-18-1962
Nishi, Eiko	06-23-1968		

2026 Memorial Service Schedule

Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>
2025	1 st Year	2002	25 th Year
2024	3 rd Year	1994	33 rd Year
2020	7 th Year	1977	50 th Year
2014	13 th Year	1927	100 th Year
2010	17 th Year		



Service Information



Join us for Sunday Service

**June Shotsuki Hoyo and Family Service
Celebrating Dharma School Graduates
and Father's Day
Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 10:00**

Officiant: Rev. Noritaka Imada

There will be a luncheon following the service and so in order to prepare enough for everyone, we ask that you please rsvp to florinbuddhist@gmail.com by **June 10, 2026**. Thank you!

****The front gates may be locked 15 minutes after the start of scheduled services and/or activities.**

In the event of a change, we will post the updates on our website at buddhistchurchofflorin.org; Facebook page and send out a message to our email list.

Buddhist Church of Florin **OBON**



Saturday, July 18, 2026

Hatsubon/Nokotsudo Service	3 pm
Exhibits & Demonstrations	4 pm – 7 pm
Snack Bar	4 pm – 7 pm
Sacramento Taiko Dan	7:00 pm
Obon Odori	7:30 pm

Obon Odori Practice: July 7 – 9 & 14 – 16 at 7 pm

Florin Obon Workshop

July 16 from 5:30 pm

*Sponsored by Florin JACL and Buddhist Church of Florin
Limited space so please **RSVP** if you are planning to attend.
Please email Jenny Takahashi jmtakahashi@me.com.*

7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

Visit Website at <https://www.buddhistchurchofflorin.org>



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Please do not bring ANY animals – Only Certified Service Dogs will be allowed

HATSUBON AND OBON SERVICE OBON FESTIVITIES AND ODORI JULY 18, 2026, SATURDAY

Hatsubon/Obon Service 3:00 PM

Please attend the Hatsubon/Obon Service in the Temple at 3 PM, followed by the Obon Festivities.

Obon Festivities 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

- **Food:** Snack Bar in the Temple's Courtyard serving delicious Food, Drinks and Shave Ice and more. **50/50 Raffle Prize**
- **Cultural Exhibits in the Multi-purpose Room**
 Mataro Kimekomi Dolls BWA Boutique Paper Crafts Florin JACL
 Sacramento Hiroshima Nikkei Kenjinkai Ikebana International
- **Cultural Demonstrations in the YBA Hall**
 Florin Kyudo Kai-Japanese Archery
 Sacramento Kendo Club-Japanese Swordsmanship
 Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Kai, Henry Mizushima (fue) with Sacramento Taiko
 Dan-premiere Japanese drumming ensemble in greater the Sacramento region.

Obon Odori Dancing 7:30 PM

Everyone is invited to dance-Grandparents, parents, children and friends. Fun, fun for everyone!

Obon Odori Workshop-July 16, Thursday, 5:30 PM

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Florin JACL and Buddhist Church of Florin. Learn about the dance background, hand/dance movements, clothing, accessories, and obi tying. Everyone is invited to this educational workshop on the tradition of Obon Odori dancing. Dinner will be served. Limited space so please RSVP to Jenny Takahashi jmtakahashi@me.com.

Obon Odori Dancing Practices-July 7-9 & 14-16 @ 7 PM

Dust off your Kachi Kachi, Uchiwa (fan), Getas and attend the Obon Odori Practices on July 7-9 & 14-16.



Meeting Highlights



Buddhist Church of Florin Governing Board Meeting Highlights May 14, 2026

- Lots of maintenance projects have been happening! If you see a project to put on the “to do” list, please contact Eric Fujii (efujii52@gmail.com) or our Facilities Maintenance team leaders Lloyd Okimura or Mike Kakutani.
- The windows in the gym are being replaced with dual pane windows. This should help with temperature control.
- The parking lot repaving project is complete.
- The old temple south side stairs and landing were replaced and painted.
- Kyudo Kai Florin had a very nice interview segment with Channel 10. Here's the link: [Sacramento Group Preserves Ancient Japanese Art of Kyudo | AANHPI Heritage Month](#)
- Obon is coming! Obon is coming! Saturday, July 18. This event takes a tremendous number of volunteers. Please be generous with your time. Contact Lois Kashiwase (loiskash2@comcast.net) if you would like to volunteer and have not done so recently.
- Join in on the fun, meet new people, reconnect with old friends, learn something new! See the **Events** tab regularly for activities at our temple, other local temples and community events, as well as BCA activities and announcements. There's always something happening!
- Check the temple website for updated information on BCF Organizations (BWA, Dharma School, Kendo, Kyudo Kai, Taiko, etc.) and find information about services, events, fundraisers and how to donate.
- Read your Wheel of Dharma for the latest BCA news.



2026 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2026 membership dues received in March/April:

Meghan Kuroda

Janet Sumida

Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly)

Please direct membership questions to Susan Takeda at (916) 837-5699 or s.takeda@comcast.net.

The Membership form is available on the website@buddhistchurchofflorin.org/membership/





Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School
News & Events- June 2026
"B.R.A.I.D." – Building Respectful Awareness

Open horizon
Reminding us to always
Think of tomorrow

- Skylar Lam

Upcoming Dharma Lesson/Activities

2026	Game Day and mini Undokai TBA
2026	Instructional Basketball Clinic TBA
2026	Instructional Golf Clinic TBA

Congratulations Jennifer Kubo!



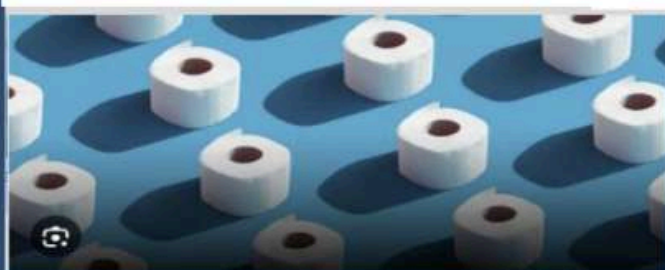
Jennifer was recognized by the FDSTL with the "25 Year Service Award" for her unselfish services as an outstanding Dharma School teacher for 25 years!

June '26 BWA Dana Project



Crisis Nursery

Our Crisis Nursery Program provides free emergency childcare for children age 0-5, as well as case management services for families during a crisis.



Toilet Paper

The **Sacramento Children's Home** is the recipient of both May & June Dana projects.

May '26 BWA Dana Project



CRISIS NURSERY IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- Baby wipes (scent free)
- Diapers size 4, 5 and 6
- Clothing sizes 3T and up
- Winter Pajamas and Jackets (3T and up)
- Eucerin and Aquaphor lotions/ointments
- Cantu Kid's hair products
- Baby food- Stage 1 and 2 fruits and vegetables
- Brushes and Combs
- Formula
- Medical gloves, latex-free (small, medium, and large)



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April Activity: Olive Mill + Tasting Room - Brooks, CA



BWA participants experienced wine, olive oil, and balsamic oil tasting.





News

W. Land Park Pond

LOTUS FAM

Learning **O**riental
Trimming **U**sing **S**corpions

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[Facilities & Maintenance]



FaM Work Extended Hours

FaM members spent extended hours (AM & some afternoons throughout the weeks, not just LOTUS days) on major projects.

- ★ Removal of courtyard wood expansion joints then cemented the area.
- ★ Dismantled the old temple steps-landing then replaced & painted the stairway.
- ★ Replaced electrical wiring in the old temple with compliant one.



MAPLE PRUNING

Sharon O, garden coordinator oversees the garden. On this day she planted shishito peppers then helped with meal preparation.

Lloyd O – After working on the old temple stairsteps, Lloyd then worked in the garden.

Ben K & Calvin M after several weeks of pruning many of the pines on the church grounds this week work in the garden. Calvin & Ben are identified in the garden prep photo but are not clearly visible unless photo is enlarged.

Mike K has spent 3 wks. pruning the courtyard pines & also “tidies up” the onaijin prior to each service.

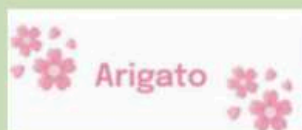
As mentioned above most all LOTUS-FAM members work double duty on various tasks each week.

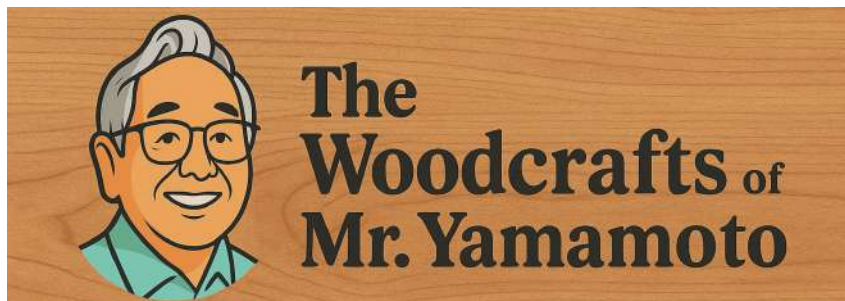


See the difference?

JoAnn Kusaka
Sharon Okamoto
Jan Takeuchi

Head food preparer
Weekly desserts
Dessert (One week in Sharon's absence)





Accident hurts, safety doesn't.



I would like to feature Mits Yamamoto's artwork again this month.

Last month, I was involved in a small car accident while stopped at a light. Thankfully, nothing serious appeared on the X-rays, but I still had pain in my neck, back, and thumb afterward.

After the accident, I thought about the phrase:

"Accident hurts, safety doesn't."

Small safety habits, like paying attention, slowing down, or checking carefully, can sometimes feel troublesome. However, those small efforts are much smaller than the pain and trouble an accident can cause.

This time, I happened to be the one who was hit. But at another time, I could also be the one who makes a mistake and hurts someone else. That possibility always exists.

In a way, this experience reminded me not to become careless. It felt like life was telling me, "Stay awake. Pay attention."

Shinran Shonin taught that human beings are not perfect or completely in control of themselves. Depending on conditions and circumstances, we do not always know what we may do. Because of this, we should not simply believe, "I would never do such a thing."

Instead, we are reminded to feel gratitude for ordinary and peaceful days. Living safely each day is not something guaranteed. Perhaps we are simply fortunate to have made it through another day without causing harm to ourselves or others.

As we move through our busy lives, may we take a moment to slow down, pay attention, and appreciate the simple peace that surrounds us each day.

Noritaka Imada



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7:00 PM
ON ZOOM

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Cooking Class

SOY-SAUCE BUTTER PASTA



JUNE 14, AFTER THE SERVICE @BCF



REGISTER NOW

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- To prepare enough ingredients, please RSVP.
- Please bring your own apron, thank you!
- This class is free of charge.
- Donations are greatly appreciated.





Buddhist Church of Florin Annual Dharma School Camping Trip

Come join the Buddhist Church of Florin
at its annual camping trip!!!



When: July 23-26, 2026

Where: Donner Memorial State
Camp grounds

Things to Do:

Biking, fishing, swimming,
campfire with family style meals
prepared by our camp chefs and
most of all lots of fun, fun, and
more fun!



To reserve a spot, please call or text:

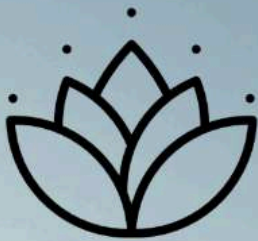
Kenny Teranishi @ 916-717-0297, Craig Shijo @ 916-206-
8508, Sharon Arase @ 916-549-40 by **July 4, 2026.**

Important: There are a limited number of camp sites;
therefore. please make your reservation(s) by the deadline



Hope to see you there!





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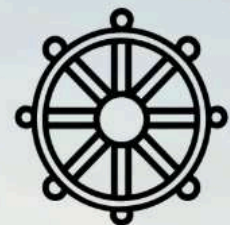
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*Join us for a day of sharing the
dharma, making new friends and
having fun. This is open to
everyone of all ages!*

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9 AM - 3 PM



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