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Dear Friends,

I trust you all have a happy Thanksgiving and a peaceful holiday season. The Priory will celebrate Buddha's Enlightenment on Sunday, December 20, starting with meditation at 9:30am. The ceremony will start about 10:30. Families and younger friends are invited to join us for the ceremony and for the Dharma teaching afterwards. As usual, there will be small gifts and a vegetarian potluck following.

Thank you to everyone for your kind support over the past few months. Having John Kieres here as a lay resident has made a big difference in my ability to keep up with things and not neglect outdoor maintenance. We completed a new woodshed (where the old trailer used to be), transformed the porch into a small outdoor workshop, planted a number of blueberries in front of the guest residence to complete the landscaping there, raked many leaves, mulched the orchard, cleaned the gutters, planted out a number of native trees and plants, and did some small scale fire prevention clearing.

Otherwise, things have been quiet, which is helpful for maintaining the temple routine and offering all of you a quiet and peaceful place to come to. Thank you to everyone who has been helping with cleaning, maintenance, running errands, recycling, and all the other kind offerings people make. We especially want to thank Tim Neun for building bamboo and maple cabinets for the guest residence's multi-purpose room. Tim provided all the labor as an offering to the temple, and their installation completes the guest residence. They are a handsome and useful addition, and their beauty attests to Tim's craftsmanship. Thanks also to Bev, Myron & John for help with installation.

Recent food donations include fresh produce, milk & soy milk, yogurt, eggnog, kombucha, flour & bread, tea, cake, prepared dishes & leftovers, eggs, mushrooms, custard, marzipan & chocolate bars, *Sucanat*, croissants, dinner rolls, nuts, ginger ale, bottled water, sesame salt, corn chips, dried fruit, pies & cookies, and all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal complete with *Tofurkey*. Other items include *Tecnu* poison oak wash, cough drops, paper cups, prescriptions, toiletries, a toiletries travel bag, supplements, *Q-tips*, *Carmex* lip balm, and a hand soap dispenser, as well as envelopes, an extension cord, a small refrigerator, *Pill Pockets* & cat treats, an outdoor gate, landscaping blocks & pavers, spring flower bulbs, Dharma books, altar items, prayer flags hand-printed with Afghan provinces for our Veterans Day Ceremony, and especially, professional cleaning of carpet in meditation hall & library by *ServiceMaster*. We are grateful for all these gifts and everyone's kind wishes, merit, and goodwill.

Winter Schedule. Beginning December 1 morning meditation during the week begins at 8:00am. The Wednesday evening activity will consist of a recorded Dharma talk. See calendar for details.

New Year's Eve Ceremony will be begin at 7:00pm with meditation, with the ceremony at 8:15am. We hope this enables more people to come and to return home safely as well.

Orientation Dates for 2010: January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 9, November 13, and December 11.

Animal Life. We have witnessed many animal visitors this fall: deer, raccoons, rabbits, squirrels, turkeys, pileated woodpeckers, and a bobcat! Charlotte Cat tangled with someone, perhaps a neighborhood tomcat, which required an emergency trip to the vet to tend to a deep abscess. We consequently learned she has FIV (feline HIV) and nasal/oral cancer. Any donations toward her medical expenses would be welcome.

Temple Rebate. Coastal Farm & Ranch Supply is offering a 5% rebate to the temple on all purchases by members from December 7 through 21. Please give original receipts to the Priory by December 31. Coastal Farm & Ranch has branches in Eugene, Albany, Roseburg, and several locations in the Portland area.

May you all be well, happy, safe & secure.

In gassho,

Rev. Oswin

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