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Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well this first day of April and that the spring weather is conducive to your training. The sunshine and blue sky certainly help us to look up and be bright.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping the temple in the myriad ways it takes for us to stay afloat. Your kindness with donations, running errands, help with transportation and recycling, etc. is of immeasurable value. An especial thanks goes to Wade Anderson of Alliance Physical Therapy for ongoing treatment of an injury.

Much of our daily life practice and work day effort is being devoted to complying with fire safety “defensible space” guidelines established by the Oregon Department of Forestry. This involves felling trees, clearing shrubs and brush from around the temple buildings, splitting firewood, and chipping branches and debris. This will likely be an ongoing project through the summer. Thanks to Rick Movsky for the loan of his wood splitter.

Special events: Wednesday, April 7, as part of our usual evening program we will watch a **documentary on the Buddha** shown on PBS. It begins at 8:00 and lasts until 10:00. We’ll begin with meditation as usual at 7:00pm.

Dharma school for children will be Sunday, April 25 and as usual, on May 16 as the teaching section of our Wesak Celebration. A vegetarian potluck will follow the talk. Wesak, which celebrates the birth and life of the Buddha, also marks the beginning of the Buddhist New Year. Family and friends are welcome for any of our Wesak activities.

For **Wesak** we’ll also devote Sunday, May 9 to temple cleaning and decoration—please bring potted flowers for the altar and grounds. On Wednesday, May 12 we’ll the **Nine Lessons & Carols Service** for the birth of the Buddha. You’re welcome to take flowers home with you after the Wesak Celebration on Sunday.

As noted on calendar, **orientations** will be Saturdays, April 3, May 1, and June 5. Our thanks to the lay ministers who shoulder most of this responsibility. **Silent meditation days** will be Saturdays, April 10 and May 15; work days will be Saturdays, April 17 and May 29. Other

special ceremonies will be Sundays, April 11 (Manjusri Bodhisattva), May 2 (Great Master Keizan Memorial), and May 30 (Festival of Remembrance for Memorial Day).

Schedule change: Beginning in May weekday activities will begin at 7:30am rather than 8:00.

Sangha Care Coordinator for April is Dixie Feiner, 541-683-9157.

Carpooling or if you need a ride: meet at the parking lot on south side of South Hills Physical Therapy Clinic at 4175 East Amazon at 9:10am on Sundays. The LTD 25 bus stops there.

Alms Bowl: The temple could use a 2 gallon air compressor and a shop vac. Food donations of dairy products and fresh produce are also always appreciated. Contributions of writings, photos, poetry, etc. for the newsletter are welcome.

A poem by John Kieres:

O towering pine,
Great fractal spire,
How gracefully you sway with the wind:
Roaring silently.
All hail how you've mastered Zen.

Please all take care. Thank you again for your kindness, support, and training.

In gassho,
Rev. Oswin

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