

January 4, 2012

Dear Friend,

Happy new year! We trust you are faring well as we begin a new year of our shared life of training.

This email is primarily to remind you that the Priory will be closed for regular activities during the month of January except for Sunday meditation & short morning service (no Dharma talk or tea), the newcomer's orientation on Saturday, January 7, and a work morning taking down the holiday decorations on Thursday, January 12.

Rev. Oswin will be away from January 12 to January 22. The Priory will resume our Sunday morning programs (including Dharma talk & tea) on January 29 with a festival ceremony (tentatively Maitreya, the Buddha of the Future) and other activities on Wednesday, February 1.

We of course are available in case of emergencies. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you need to speak with a monk or have other information to pass along, such as a transfer of merit. We would be grateful if temple business could be postponed until after February 1.

Other news: Dixie Feiner is the lay sangha care coordinator this month: 541-683-9157.

A request was referred to us by another local church for a cat-sitter for two weeks from a woman who is moving to Eugene. She doesn't want to leave her cat behind and needs a couple of weeks to find housing. The cat is female, 5 years old, and well-behaved. If you'd like to help in this way, please call Kerry at 720-891-6893 for more information.

For those of you who know the monks at Shasta Abbey, you may want to transfer merit for Rev. Scholastica, who broke her hip (and is mending quickly) and Rev. Serena, who is having surgery tomorrow (Thurs. Jan 5) for a mass in her lungs.

Please take care, and thank you for helping the residents here have this time of rest & renewal. Offerings such as this make it possible for us to serve you in the best way we know how. We look forward to practice & training with everyone in the new year.

In gassho, Oswin & all