

May & June 2011 Newsletter



Pray for Japan

Ching Ter Maitreya Youth have participated in "Help Japan by making paper cranes." These simple yet powerful gestures will trigger a donation of \$2 for each crane received - to Humanity's reconstruction efforts in Japan. So far our youth has made over 300.

Fundraiser Mulch Sale



Ching Ter Temple held a fundraiser mulch sale in the month of April. All the proceeds from mulch sales will go to Japan disaster

relief efforts. We have raised over \$2000 for Japan's earthquake and tsunami victims. Thanks for your help and kindness dona-

tions. We are taking one small step towards being compassionate.

Earth Day Litter Clean Up



Thanks to all **volunteers**, we pulled off a great 2011 Earth Day clean up!!



Maitreya Dharma Study Classes

Saturday
1:30pm to
3:30pm

May 14
June 11
June 25

Food Booth at Asian Festival (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)



Our temple will continue to participate in the Asian Festival as a food vendor. Please come to help us prepare and sell food at the festival.

Shifts:
05/27 -3pm to 6pm
05/28 -8am to 3pm
 -2pm to 9pm
05/29 -9am to 2pm
 -1pm to 7pm

The Seventeenth Patriarch — Buddha Jing Gong (latest incarnation of Buddha Maitreya)
Evening Liturgy—May 26th, Thursday at 6 pm

The first patriarch of the White Sun era, Patriarch Lu, first name Zhong-Yi, was born on April 24, 1849, in Jining, Shantung Province of China. In his childhood, Patriarch Lu lost his parents and lived in poverty. He joined the army at the age of 22, miraculously inspired by the Buddhas to re-

ceive Tao from the sixteenth Patriarch Liu. He donated all his savings sincerely, and followed the sixteenth Patriarch Liu to cultivate the great Tao and experienced hardships and toils with sincerity. In this way, he accumulated infinite merits.

As Patriarch Liu was nearing the end of his

mortal life, he begged for instructions from the Almighty God asking who could continue the heritage of Tao. In 1905, Lao Mu (the Almighty) ordained Patriarch Lu as the seventeenth patriarch, or the first patriarch of the White Sun era. With the Heavenly Decree from the Almighty, Pa-

triarh Lu propagated Tao in Jining, Shantung Province of China. This started the Last Salvation Mission. Patriarch Lu passed away at the age of 76 on February 2, 1925. The Jing-Gong Subtle Scripture and the True Sutra of Maitreya Buddha. Both are now widely spread in the world.

Song of Loving Nature – Heavenly Family

*Lyrics by Huang Ciyin Music by Zhang Cidian
 English Interpretation by Lau Huici*

*Over the mountains is the heavenly sky.
 Below are lives that roam the land.
 The leaves whirl in the breezy wind.
 On the earth are the grasses that nestle.*

*There is love that fills the heaven and earth.
 It vibrates the air with the whisper.
 Together, we are a family.
 A family that is always by our side.*

*Home is always here and by our side.
 Home is always embracing our life.
 The oneness of home relies on our harmony.
 Aaaaaa So don't divide. Close up our distance.
 So energize your heart and mind with the light of love.*

*Close your eyes!
 O let the light come inside to your heart.
 The world is a family, a family of Heavenly light.
 A family unite. Woo Yeah...
 The world is a family of Heavenly light.*

<http://www.the-inla.org.tw/songoflovingnature>

Current Volunteer Opportunity

Vegetable Garden Weeding

Food booth at Asian Festival—Set Up, Serving and break down

Food Preparation before festival

Temple Repair & Maintenance

Please contact temple for further information.



SONG OF LOVING NATURE

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Bodhisattva Qu Yuan

Evening Liturgy—June 6th, Monday at 6pm



Qu Yuan served in the court of Emperor Huai during the Warring States (475 - 221 BC). He was a wise and erudite man. His ability and fight against corruption antagonized other court officials. They exerted their evil influence on the Emperor, so the Emperor gradually dismissed Qu Yuan and eventually exiled him. During his exile, Qu Yuan did not give up. He traveled exten-

sively, taught and wrote about his ideas. He saw the gradual decline of his mother country, the Chu State. And when he heard that the Chu State was defeated by the strong Qin State, he was so despaired that he ended his life by flinging himself into the Miluo River. Legend says after people heard he drowned, they were greatly dismayed. Fishermen raced to the

spot in their boats to search for his body. Unable to find his body, people threw zongzi, eggs and other food into the river to feed fish, so hoped to salvage his body. Since then, people started to commemorate Qu Yuan through dragon boat races, eating zongzi and other activities, on the anniversary of his death, the 5th of the fifth month.

Columbus, OH— Dragonboat Race at Genoa Park

MAY 21, 8am to 2pm

Learn about how dragon boat races have spread around the world . The Steel City Dragon boat Club of Pittsburgh will again be bringing two boats for Columbus teams to compete. In addition,

there will be Dragon and Lion dances as well as workshops for your partici-

pation (Tai-Chi, Yoga, Tai-ko drumming, Obob and bamboo dance.



Vegetarian Bamboo Rice (Zhong Zhi) Sale

Salty Bamboo Rice

Ingredients:

- Sticky rice
- Soy
- Mushroom
- Peanuts
- Mung Bean
- Chestnut

Sweet Bamboo Rice

Ingredients:

- Sticky rice
- Red Bean Paste

Price: \$1.80/each

Please order by May 21

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May & June Events

June 5 (Sunday) Summer Picnic Trip

11am to 2pm

11:00am—Noon Liturgy at Temple

12:00pm— Picnic at Glacier Park

9801 Hyland Croy Road,

Plain City, OH 43064

*Please bring a dish to share

1:00pm—Pick Your Own Strawber-
ries at **Jacquemin Farm**

7437 Hyland Croy Rd.

Plain City, OH 43064

(614) 873-5725

*(Date is subject to change due
to fruit availability.)*



May 3 (TUE)– New Moon Day @11:30am & 6pm.

May 7 (SAT)– Maitreya Children Class 1pm to 5pm

May 17(TUE)– Full Moon Day @11:30am & 6pm

May 26 (THUR)–Bodhisattva Ching Gong Birthday 6pm

May 27(FRI)– Food Booth Set Up @3pm

May 28 (SAT)& 29(SUN)– Food Booth at Asian Festival

June 2 (THURS)–New Moon Day @11:30am & 6pm

June 4(SAT)– Maitreya Children Class 1pm to 5pm

June 6(MON)– Bodhisattva Qu Yuan Attained

Buddhahood @ 6pm

June 16-(THURS)- Full Moon Day 11:30am & 6pm

Visit our facebook page for Maitreya Holy Land Grand Opening pictures