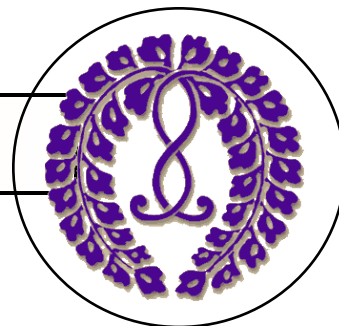


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September Calendar



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| 8 | Ohigan, September Shotsuki Memorial, & Family Dharma Service
New term for Dharma School | 10:00 AM |
| 14 | Reedley BWA BINGO DAY
in the Conference Room | 12:00 PM |
| 19 | Reedley BC Board Meeting | 7:00 PM |



BWA BINGO DAY!

Saturday, September 14, 2024

12:00 noon

Conference Room

Lunch will be served!

Everyone (adults, teens, & kids too!) is invited to attend, play, & win prizes!

Attendance is free!

Welcome New Members!



The Reedley Buddhist Church would like to welcome new members, Victor & Kimiko Hojilla! So happy to have you join us!

SEPTEMBER TOBAN:

Church Toban: Hansen, Toyota, & M. Naito

BWA: Group 2: Kathy Nishinaka



SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE, OHIGAN SERVICE & FAMILY DHARMA- SERVICE

**Sunday, September 8, 2024
10:00 AM**

Lunch will be served following the service.

Reedley Buddhist Church 70th Annual Food Bazaar



Sunday, November 3, 2024

3 - 6 PM

Reedley Buddhist Church Hall

Pre-Order Tickets (Dine In or Pick Up)

**Spam Sushi, Inari Sushi, Pastries, and
Country Store Items available to purchase**

**See page 7 for details and order form or
go to: www.reedleybc.org**

In Memory



Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mr. Noboru Takasaki**, brother of Mrs. Yukiye Takayama, who passed away on July 5, 2024 at the age of 98.

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Mrs. Nancy Omori**, who passed away on August 17, 2024 at the age of 80 years old.

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Mrs. Nancy Abe**, mother of Ken, Stan, Mark, & Perry Abe, who passed away on August 22, 2024 at the age of 101.



Message from Rev. Majima

Embracing Ohigan in Modern Times



As we approach the Ohigan season, we are reminded of the timeless harmony that exists in the universe—a harmony that transcends human understanding. In today's world, filled with uncertainty, rapid change, and often discord among people, the principles of Ohigan offer us a moment to reflect on the deeper connections that unite all life.

Even amidst the disharmony and conflicts that arise between individuals and communities, the universe continues to maintain its balance. This profound harmony, which is beyond our comprehension, enfolds not only the beauty and order we see in nature but also the discord that occurs among us. It is a reminder that all of existence, in its many forms, is interconnected in ways that are far greater than we can fully grasp.

Every living being on this planet, regardless of form, is a beneficiary of the mysterious and wondrous gift of life. This shared existence binds us together, urging us to recognize that even in times of discord, we are all part of a greater whole. As we observe Ohigan, let us take this time to cultivate gratitude for the life we have been given and to seek harmony not only within ourselves but also with others, acknowledging the universal balance that sustains us all.

Amida Butsu, originally known as Amitabha or Amitayus, signifies "the working of immeasurable life and unhindered light." The word "Namo" means to take refuge, and Shakyamuni Buddha taught us to recite it. People in ancient times regarded this phrase as a sacred sound. As for me, I believe I will recite these words at the feet of Shakyamuni Buddha until my dying day.

The wisdom of Shakyamuni, who taught us these profound truths, is beyond our understanding, and we have nothing but deep gratitude for the many generations of people who have passed down Shakyamuni's teachings to us.

As we reflect on our own actions and thoughts during this Ohigan season, let us strive to maintain harmony by looking within ourselves. By recognizing our own shortcomings and cultivating inner peace, we contribute to the greater balance that holds us all together.

Namo Amida Butsu

The Brave Sukara and the Enchanted Forest of Fruits (for students)

Once upon a time, in a vast and ancient forest, there lived a wise and strong wild boar named Sukara. Sukara was known as the most dependable creature in the forest, with the courage to face any danger that came his way. His friends, including a little rabbit, a squirrel, and a deer, always enjoyed playing with him.

One year, however, a terrible crisis struck the forest. The weather turned harsh, and no rain fell. The trees withered, the grass dried up, and it became nearly impossible for the animals to find food. Sukara's friend, the rabbit, tearfully said, "If this continues, we'll all starve..."

Seeing his friends' suffering, Sukara made a firm decision. "I will save everyone! I know of a secret place deep within the forest where magical fruits grow. We must find it!" With his heart full of determination, Sukara decided to embark on a dangerous journey to save his friends.

That night, Sukara gathered his friends and spoke softly but confidently, "Everyone, follow me. It's a long way, but if we reach the place I know, we'll surely find enough food for all of us." Though the animals felt a bit anxious, they trusted Sukara's determination and decided to follow him.

At dawn, Sukara and his friends began their trek through treacherous mountain paths. The forest grew darker, and the trees swayed ominously. Suddenly, a wolf's howl echoed through the air, and the squirrel, trembling with fear, asked, "Sukara, are you sure we'll be okay?"

"Don't worry. I'll protect you all," Sukara replied firmly. With Sukara leading the way, they continued deeper into the dark forest.

At last, they arrived at a river deep in the forest. There, they found the most beautiful fruit trees they had ever seen, their branches heavy with golden, glowing fruits. The fruits shimmered with a sweet fragrance that filled the air. "This is it! These are the magical fruits that will save us all!" Sukara exclaimed in delight.

The animals hurried to eat the fruits, and as soon as they did, something miraculous happened. With each bite, the animals regained their strength, and the entire forest began to come back to life. Grass sprouted, trees blossomed once more, and the river flowed with clear, sparkling water.

Thanks to Sukara's courage and determination, the forest was saved, and the animals could once again live in peace and abundance.

"Thank you, Sukara!" they all cried out. "You saved our forest!"

Sukara smiled and replied, "When we help each other, we can overcome any challenge." From that day on, Sukara was known as "The Guardian of the Forest," and he was respected and loved by all.

In our lives, we may not face wolves or magical fruits, but we do face challenges that can feel just as big. Like Sukara, we can choose to help others, and to work together to overcome whatever comes our way. When we care for one another, we are stronger, and the world becomes a better place for everyone.

Namo Amida Butsu



Message from Rev. Majima



お彼岸

お彼岸の季節を迎えるにあたり、皆様にご挨拶を申し上げます。

お彼岸は、私たちが普段の生活の中で忘れがちな心の在り方を見つめ直す、大切な時期です。先人たちは、この時期を「此岸」と「彼岸」を結びつける機会として大切にしてきました。「此岸」は、私たちが日々の烦恼や苦しみの中で生きる世界であり、「彼岸」はその向こうにある安らぎの世界、お浄土です。

私たちはよく「幸運」という言葉を使いますが、お釈迦様は、それは実際には過去の業によるものと説かれています。幸運とは、環境が整ったときに自分がたまたまそこに居合わせることから感じるものです。私たちは年に二回お彼岸をお祝いします。そして、そのお彼岸の時期に、自分が彼岸に至る道のりについて心を傾けることはとても大事な事なのです。特に、世の中の混乱や将来への不安を前にして、心を落ち着け、調和の取れた生き方を目指すことが求められます。

その中でも、「南無阿弥陀仏」という念仏の生活は、私たちの心に深い安らぎと感謝をもたらします。念仏は、単なる言葉の繰り返しではなく、阿弥陀仏の無限の慈悲と光に包まれる瞬間です。日々の生活の中で念仏を唱えることで、私たちは仏の教えに心を開き、真の意味で「彼岸」に向かって歩むことができます。

仏様の教えに従い、私たちは阿弥陀様のお慈悲に包まれて感謝の心を育み、日常生活でその実践を心掛けてまいりましょう。念仏のある生活は、その実践の一環として、私たちに生きる力を与え、心の豊かさを育ててくれます。これが、真に「彼岸」に到達するための道であると信じています。

どうぞ皆様、健康に留意され、お彼岸の期間中、心静かにお過ごしください。

合掌

Reedley Dharma School

New Term Begins!

Sun., September 8, 2024

10:00 AM

We hope to see everyone start off the new year! New students please come a few minutes early to register!

Please email any questions to co-superintendents Melanie Mukai & Stacy Ramos at:

reedleydharmaschool@gmail.com





Church Acknowledges Dana

The Family of Ruth K. Sasaki <i>In Memory of Mrs. Ruth Kazuko Sasaki</i>	\$1,400.00
Drs. Kent & Diane Kawagoe <i>Use of Tent</i>	500.00
The Tsuji Family <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	200.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mr. Stanley Hirahara <i>In Memory of Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya</i>	15.00

August Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Kiyoko Nakagawa & Robert Iwasaki</i>	100.00
Mrs. Toshiko Kawagoe <i>In Memory of Chokichi Ikemiya</i>	100.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>In Memory of Tetsuo Nakamura</i>	100.00
Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry <i>In Memory of Masao Tanizaki</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Kiyoko Nakagawa</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota <i>In Memory of Doris Yamada & Joe Kubota</i>	50.00
The Family of Masato Kunishige <i>In Memory of Masato Kunishige</i>	50.00
Ms. Kathleen Omachi <i>In Memory of Shizuye "Sue" Omachi, Patricia Omachi, Keith Omachi, & Keijo Omachi</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of Jutaro Naito, Ayame Kodama, Yosuke Inn, Toru Ikeda</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>In Memory of Chokichi Ikemiya</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>In Memory of George Ikemiya</i>	50.00

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August Shotsuki Memorial Service continued:

Mrs. Joanne Hansen <i>In Memory of Shigeru Matsuoka</i>	\$ 30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto <i>In Memory of Lily Yuriko Araki, & George Hashimoto</i>	30.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Tsunejiro Tanaka, & Agnes Tsutsumi</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of Yasuji Nomi, George Inouye, & Toru Ikeda</i>	30.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Toru Ikeda</i>	25.00
Mrs. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Yasuji Nomi</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro <i>In Memory of Umanosuke Shiine</i>	25.00
Ms. Lily Ikemiya <i>In Memory of Totaro Tamaki</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of Yasuji Nomi, Toru Ikeda, Jutaro Naito, & Ayame Kodama</i>	20.00
Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji <i>August Memorial Service</i>	20.00

July Shotsuki Memorial Service

The Hamada Family <i>In Memory of Chiyono Ninomiya, & Shizuye Susie Murakami</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto <i>In Memory of Seizo Suemoto</i>	20.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Yaeko Kawamoto</i>	20.00

Obon / Hatsubon Service

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Tahara & Family <i>In Memory of Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya</i>	200.00
The Hamada Family <i>Obon Service Donation</i>	25.00





September Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The September Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for September are as follows:

DECEASED: SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Tsune Kikumoto & Alice Abe	Mitchell Abe
Bernice Sumie Ochikubo	Kay Antoku
Fusako Kawakami	
Gloria Lorraine Aoki	Betty Aoki
Hanna Asami	Lillian Garrigus
Kay Hada & Greg Hada	Gerry Hada
Wesley Hara	Mary Hara
Satoko Harada	Cheryl Miyakawa & Nannette Mori
Midori Hashimoto	Gayle Larson
Shigetsugu Hashimoto	Nori Hashimoto
Tona Arakawa	Keiko Hatakeda
Tadashi Nagai	Joyce Hatanaka
Hideo Hotta	Michi Hotta
Magozo Ibara	Eloise Ibara
Tsuru Naito	Amy Naito & Karen Sakata
James Masaru Ikemiya	Kenneth Ikemiya & Toshi Kawagoe
Tsuru Inn & Tatsuo Sakata	Nancy Sakata
Jack Haruo Tsudama	Kiyoko Inn
Iyo Iwasaki & George Iwasaki	Chizuko Iwasaki
Isami Ann Iwasaki	Larry Iwasaki
Sadayo Hifumi	Sandra Shinkawa
Sadatsuchi Yoneta	Ben Kubota
Ayako Maruyama	Michael Maruyama
Isamu Miyamoto	Michio Miyamoto
Bill Suteo Mori	Cheryl Miyakawa & Nannette Mori
Fusa Nishi	Alice Nakamura
Noburo Togioka	Priscilla Kehoe
Noriaki Hirasuna	Kathy Nishinaka
Kumazo Mizokami & Shigeo Mizokami	Ronald Nishinaka
Kakuro Nobuhiro & Hisao Nobuhiro	Ben Nobuhiro
Hajime Jim Sakuragi	Dale Okamura

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September Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED: SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Sadako Sally Okino	Dennis Sasaki
Kimiko Shitanishi	Tom Shitanishi
Yutaka Takanishi	Don Takanishi
Masao Takasaki	Yukiye Takayama
Toshio William Nakagawa	Karen Takasaki
Masaru Tanizaki	Cathy Tanizaki Zachry
Michiye Ikuta	Arthur Tatami
Junichi Noji	Kazuko Tatami
Yoshio Yamada	Ayako Yamada
Shizu Yamada	Ellen Yamada



Procedures for Requesting a Minister

Funerals:

The family will contact the Funeral Chairperson Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687.

Makuragyo Service:

To request a service please contact **Rev. Majima at (949) 278-0120**.

Family Memorial Service:

For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church: Contact the RBC President, Larry Nishida at (559) 903-0316 to check the availability of the Reedley Buddhist Church. Then contact Rev. Majima at (949) 278-0120.

For Service at Family Home: The family will contact Rev. Majima to arrange for a service.

Contact Number for Church Business

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Church President: Mr. Larry Nishida
 Phone: (559) 903 - 0316
Funeral Committee Chair: Mr. Gary Sakata at:
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Fresno Buddhist Temple
2690 E. Alluvial Ave,
Fresno, CA 93720

For More Information:



The Nikkei Center Presents Central Fish: Past, Present and Future

A lecture by Morgan Doizaki

Date: 09-11-24

Time: 10:30-11:00

**Location: Nikkei Center
Vintage Gardens**

Assisted Living Community

540 E. Peach Ave.

Fresno, CA 93727

Please RSVP By 09-10-24

559-252-4036, Ext. 251 or

mauram@vintagegardens.org






Reedley Buddhist Church

70th Food Bazaar

Boneless Chicken Teriyaki, Chow Mein, Teriyaki Beefstick, Namasu, Rice, & Almond Cookie



Sunday, November 3, 2024

Dine-In or Pick Up - 3:00 - 6:00 PM

\$20 each boxed dinner - Pre-sale ONLY

* A limited number of dinners available

Deadline: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Send to: Reedley Buddhist Church - P.O. Box 24 - Reedley, CA 93654



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Boxed Dinners: _____ x \$20.00 Total Enclosed _____

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Questions: Call Vickie Nishida at (559)903-0317 or email: vlnishida1@gmail.com
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