REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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March Calendar



		2005
1	BCA National Council Meeting on Zoom	all day
8	Church Grounds Clean up PLEASE COME HELP!	8:00 AM
	Reedley BWA Meeting (after clean up)	10:00 AM
9	CCBWL Conference in Parlier	8:30 AM
15	Reedley BC Crab Feed & Silent Auction	$5:00 \ \mathrm{PM}$
16	Crab Feed Clean Up	9:00 AM
20	Reedley BC Board Meeting & General Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
29	Conference Room Reserved - Tsuji Famil	ly all day
30	Ohigan Service, March Shotsuki, & Family Dharma Service	10:00 AM

[17th Crab Feed & Silent Auction

Please encourage friends and family to come out and support the **17th Crab Feed & Silent Auction! Tickets are are still available.** Tickets can be purchased from Vickie Nishida (559) 903-0317, Gary Sakata (559) 250-9687, Joy Donaldson (559) 859-7861, or any church board member would be happy to help you obtain your tickets! (see flyer on page 6)

We are also asking for donations for our Silent Auction! You can purchase items, donate gift cards, solicit donations, or donate cash and we'll do the shopping for you! Please let us know if you can help us out!

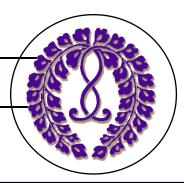
All proceeds go towards the everyday operations of the Reedley Buddhist Church and activities for our members and our active Dharma School!

MARCH TOBAN:

Church Toban: Kamada, Takanishi, Nakamichi, & Kehoe



BWA: Group 3: Diane Kubota & Joy Donaldson



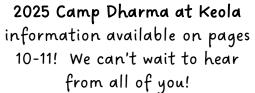
<u>Reedley Board Meeting & General</u> <u>Membership Meeting</u> All members are urged to attend. Thursday, March 20, 2025 - 7:00 PM <u>Combined March Monthly Memorial Shotsuki,</u> <u>Ohigan Service, & Family Dharma Service</u>

Sunday, March 30, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Lunch will be served following the service.

Hanamatsuri Service & Luncheon

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 10:00 AM







Welcome New Members!

The Reedley Buddhist Church would like to welcome its new members!

Mrs. Janet Quiroz Ms. Tracy Sunamoto





Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Setsuko Hironaka**, who passed away on January 15, 2025 at the age of 92 years old.



Message from Rev. Majima

The Parable of the White Path and the Teachings of Ohigan

During the Ohigan season, many Bud-

dhist temples share the parable of the "Two Rivers and the White Path" (Nigabyakudō). This story, originally taught by the Chinese master Shandao during the Tang Dynasty, symbolizes the Calling voice of Amida Buddha and the path leading beyond the world of delusion to the Pure Land. Let's explore the meaning of this teaching in connection with the Ohigan observance.

The Parable of the Two Rivers and the White Path

A traveler walking through a vast wilderness suddenly finds himself pursued by robbers and wild beasts. Fleeing in fear, he comes across two great rivers that block his path. One is a river of raging fire (symbolizing the flames of worldly desires), and the other is a river of violent waves (representing greed and anger). Crossing either river seems impossible, and death appears inevitable.

Between these two perilous rivers, however, stretches a single narrow White Path. Although the fire and water threaten from both sides, the path offers a way to safety. Overwhelmed by fear, the traveler hesitates, unable to move forward.

At that moment, a voice calls from behind: "Do not hesitate—go forward!" This is the voice of Shakyamuni Buddha. At the same time, from the other side, a voice reassures him: "If you follow this path, you will surely find refuge." This is the compassionate call of Amida Buddha. Trusting in these words, the traveler gathers his courage, steps onto the White Path, and successfully reaches the Pure Land.

Ohigan and the White Path

Ohigan is a time to reflect on the journey from this shore of suffering and confusion (shigan) to the other shore of enlightenment (higan). In Jodo Shinshu, it is particularly regarded as a period to deeply appreciate the boundless compassion of Amida Buddha and the assurance of spiritual liberation.

The parable of the Two Rivers and the White Path perfectly illustrates the significance of Ohigan. In our daily lives, we are often swept away by worldly desires, anger, and confusion, much like the raging fire and water in the story. Obstacles and temptations abound, making it difficult to stay on the path to peace. Yet, even in the midst of such struggles, the great compassion and guidance of Amida Buddha provide a way forward—a path leading us to the Pure Land.

The Courage to Walk the White Path

The most crucial step taken by the traveler in the parable was to trust and move forward. By believing in the call of Amida Buddha, he was able to overcome his fears and reach the shore of awakening.

The Ohigan season is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own path in life and to listen closely to the teachings of the Buddha. No matter how many challenges we face, if we place our entrusting heart in the path to the Pure Land, we are always embraced by Amida Buddha's infinite compassion, leading us beyond the world of suffering.

This Ohigan, let us take the message of the White Path to heart and reflect on the direction of our journey. With the compassionate vow of Amida Buddha as our guide, may we walk the path with courage and trust.

In gratitude, Mieko Majima

The Story of the Two Rivers and the White Path (for students)

A long time ago, a traveler was walking through a big grassy field. Suddenly, scary wolves and robbers started chasing him! "Oh no! What should I do?" he thought as he ran as fast as he could. But then, he saw two big rivers in front of him.



One river was full of burning fire. "It's so hot! If I try to cross, I will get burned!" The other river had huge, rushing waves. "If I fall in, I will be swept away!"

The traveler was too scared to move. But then, he noticed a thin, white path between the fire and water. "Maybe I can walk on this path and be safe...?" But the fire and water were so close, and he was afraid to take even one step.



Message from Rev. Majima

1.3 25 ひがん おし 白い道のたとえとお彼岸の教え

ぶっきょうじいん にがびゃくどう ばなし かた お彼岸の時期になると、多くの仏教寺院で「二河白道」のたとえ話が語られます。このお話は、中国の とう じだい ぜんどうだいし じょうど あみだ 唐の時代に善導大師によって説かれたもので、阿弥陀さまの呼びかけと、迷いの世界を超えて浄土へと向かう ひがんおし みち あらわ ばなし 道を 表 しています。お彼岸の教えとともに、このたとえ 話 を訪れてみましょう。

かわ しろ み 二つの川と白い道

たびびと こうや ある やじゅう とうぞく せま 51. あるとき、旅人が荒野を歩いていました。すると、後ろから野獣や盗賊が迫ってきました。必死に逃げると、 ^{め まえ ふた おお かわ ひろ} 目の前に**二つの大きな**川が広がっています。 かわ ひろ

・と も ひ かわ わた や ーつは**燃えさかる火の川**。「渡れば焼かれてしまう……。」

くる みず かわ なが もう一つは荒れ狂う水の川。「流されてしまう……。」

のを見つけました。「この道を行けば助かるかも……?」でも、怖くて動けません。

そのとき、後ろから「恐れず進みなさい!」と励ます声が聞こえました。そして、前を見ると、向こう岸から ^{こえ} も声がします。「この道を歩けば、大丈夫!」という安心させてくれる声でした。

たびびと ゆうき だ しる みち ある はじ よあん いっぽ すす む 旅人はついに勇気を出し、白い道を歩き始めました。不安でしたが、一歩ずつ進み、ついに向こう岸へたどり 着きました。

ひがん しろ みち

お彼岸と白い道

にがびゃくどう ばなし ひがん いみ おたし ひび ほんのう いか まよ なか いこの「二河白道」のたとえ 話 は、お彼岸の意味そのものです。 私 たちは日々、**煩悩や怒り、迷いの中**で生き くる みず かわ ています。まるで燃えさかる火の川や、荒れ狂う水の川のように、さまざまな苦しみが行く手をふさぎます。し かなら じょうど みちび あみだ しろみちしめ みち あゆ かし、そんな私たちのために、阿弥陀さまが白い道を示し、「この道を歩めば、必ず浄土へ導く」と誓わ れているのです。

しろ みち あゆ ゆうき

白い道を歩む勇気

たびびと もっと たいせつ いっぽ 旅人が 最 も大切な一歩を踏み出したのは、「信じる」ことでした。阿弥陀さまの呼びかけを信じ、恐れなが らも歩みを進めたことで、ついに向こう岸へたどり着くことができました。

ひがん じき じぶん あゆ みち ふ かえ ほとけ おし みみ かたむ きかい こんなん なんなん お彼岸の時期は、自分の歩む道を振り返り、仏の教えに耳を傾ける機会です。どんなに困難があろうとも、

しん すす かなら きみだ だいじひ つつ あんしん せかい みちび 信じて進めば、 必ず阿弥陀さまの大慈悲に包まれ、安心の世界へと 導かれるのです。

71 75 6. しろみち はなし おも だ このお彼岸、どうぞ「白い道」のお 話 を思い出してください。

ぁ み だ きき ねが きき ねたし ゆうき あゆ 阿弥陀さまの大きな願いに支えられ、 私 たちもまた、勇気をもって歩んでいきましょう。

南无阿弥陀仏



SAVE THE DATE! Reedley obon festival Saturday, May 17, 2025 5:00 PM - Food Sales 7:00 PM - Dancing After many of years of 105°F+ temperatures, we have decided to move our Obon Festival to a cooler time of the year where it will be more enjoyable for dancers and spectators! Why

suffer through the heat? Save the date and come join us!

Rev. Majima's Message to students from page 2 continued:

Just then, he heard a kind voice from behind him. "It's okay! Don't be afraid, just walk on this path." It sounded just like a father saying, "Trust me, you can do it!"



Then, he heard another voice from the other side of the river. "Come this way! You will be safe here." It sounded just like a mother saying, "I'm waiting for you, so don't worry!"

The traveler thought, "If my father and mother are watching over me, I will be okay!" So, he took a deep breath and stepped onto the white path. His heart was beating fast, but he walked carefully, one step at a time.

Finally, he made it to the other side! He smiled happily and said, "I was scared, but I'm so glad I trusted and kept going!"

Just like the traveler, you are never alone. Someone who loves you is always watching over you, so trust and keep going!

Hatsubon Service Sunday, May 18, 2025 10:00 AM

The families of the following will be observing Hatsubon:

Ron Arakawa Noboru Takasaki Nancy Omori **Nancy Abe**

Nancy Sakata Sam Saburo Bungo Sumiko Ichiuji Setsuko Hironaka

If you have a loved one that passed in 2024-25 and you would like him/her to be included in the 2025 service, please contact President Joy Donaldson.

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**, Joy Donaldson at (559) 859-7861 to check the availability of the Reedley Buddhist Church. Then contact Rev. Majima at (949) 278-0120 or at: rev.mmajima@gmail.com

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

Beginning iPhone Classes For Seniors At The Nikkei Center Learn More About:

- Messaging fun and safety
- Installing, using and deleting apps
- Navigating the internet
- Using your phone's camera, albums and sharing
- Volunteer instructors from Gakko Gives



Please contact Maura Miller for more information 559-252-4036, Ext. 251 or mauram@vintagegardens.org



Church Acknowledges Dan	a 🖧	February Memorial Service Donations con Mr. & Mrs. Albert Quiroz & Family	nt.
The Family of Mrs. Setsuko Hironaka In Memory of Mrs. Setsuko Hironaka	\$ 150.00	8	\$ 30.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura Senior Meals Donation	100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto In Memory of Yas Hashimoto Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji Senior Meals Donation	100.00	In Memory of George Kimura & Kotome Nomi Ms. Amy Naito	25.00
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Senior Meals Donation Mrs. Sue Kawamoto	100.00	In Memory of Kotome Nomi Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro	25.00
Senior Meals Donation	50.00	In Memory of Itsu Nobuhiro Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji	25.00
Mrs. Shiz Kunishige In Memory of Mrs. Setsuko Hironaka	30.00	Nirvana Day & February Shotsuki Service	20.00
February Memorial Service Donations		<u>March Memorial Service Donations</u> Ms. Carole Yamakoshi In Memory of Helen Yamakoshi	75.00
Mr. Arthur Hirata In Memory of Bill Hirata Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura	100.00	Mrs. Fumiko Betty Aoki In Memory of Tomichi Kawakami &	
In Memory of Hanayo Sakuragi Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto	100.00	Kanichi Aoki January Memorial Service Donation	40.00
In Memory of Mary Hashimoto Ms. Michi Hotta	50.00	Mr. & Mrs. James Hatakeda In Memory of Wallace Arakawa & Junichi	
In Memory of Toshiko Hotta Mrs. Kiyoko Inn In Memory of Harry Inn & Yoshiko Inn	50.00 50.00	Hatakeda December Memorial Service Donation	40.00
Mrs. Leah Kawahara & Family In Memory of Michiko Teranishi	50.00	Mr. Arthur Hirata In Memory of Mary Hirata	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani In Memory of Yoshiharu Yamagiwa	50.00	Hoonko Service Donation	
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata In Memory of George Kimura, Yoshiye		Mr. & Mrs. James Hatakeda	25.00
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In Memory of Itsuno Tsuneta Mrs. Fumiko Betty Aoki In Memory of Yoshiemon Kawakami	50.00	parsonage. Rev. Majima had a few issues with he eries, so these two items were installed for added security. Thank you to Kliff Justesen , Mike Na Larry Nishida , & Gary Sakata for their expert	aito,
& Kikuko Kawakami Mr. & Mrs. Danny Nakamichi	40.00	installing these two items.	
In Memory of Jean Akahori Mr. & Mrs. Kliff Justesen	40.00		
In Memory of John Matsuno Mrs. Sue Kawamoto In Memory of Shiro Kawamoto &	30.00		
Kojiro Kawamoto Mr. Alan Kubota	30.00		
In Memory of Fusaye Matsuda Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida In Memory of Kotome Nomi & George	30.00		
Kimura	30.00		

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Reedley Buddhist Church and Silent Auc Saturday, March 15, 2025 **\$100.00 per person Includes:** Sushi, Udon, Chinese Chicken Salad, Bread, **Dessert, and ALL YOU CAN EAT STEAMED CRAB Doors open at 5:00 PM REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH 2035 15th Street, Reedley** www.reedleybc.org For tickets contact:

Joy Donaldson (559-859-7861) or Gary Sakata (559-250-9687) or ask any Reedley Board Member!



March Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The March Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for March are as follows:

DECEASED:

Jimmy Harada Ito Abe, JoAnn Abe, & Goro Mukai Kanichi Aoki & Yoshiko Ishibashi Yoneichi Asami Fumiyo Faye Masumoto Yoshio "Joe" Fujii & Clara Kazue Fujii Hisako Okino

Hiroshi Asakawa Tatsuko Hatanaka Shigeo Hirahara, & Phoebe Hideko Hirahara Hisano Hirakawa Phillip Hirata Jisaburo Kawasaki Tsuchiyo Tsudama James Ito & Shigeyo Ito Fukutaro Ito

Kivoko Nishida Miyeko Kamikawa, Miyo Yamasaki, & Haruye Nakata Masako Kobayashi Sandra Konishi & Nagiko Konishi Tsuru Tasaka, Jack Gunji Kubota, & Isamu Teraoka Ben Kubota Fumiko Kubo Miyoko Kunishige Kinuko Miyamoto Gunzo Miyamoto, Chiyono Miyamoto, Shigeku Sally Nakata, James Akira Miyamoto, Chohei Morita, Jiro Morita, & Rui Takeuchi Toshiye Judy Nakamichi Yasuye Nishida

Kono Kishi

SESHU: (OBSERVANT) Mark Abe

Mitchell Abe

Betty Aoki Lillian Garrigus Evelyn Asato

Joy Donaldson Cheryl Miyakawa & Nannette Mori Lisa Lo Joyce Hatanaka

Stanley Hirahara Carole Hirakawa Art Hirata Karen Sakata Kiyoko Inn

Craig Ito & Janet Kamada Chizuko Iwasaki

Sue Kawamoto Robert Kobayashi

Kagumi Persall

Alan Kubota Jill Kunishige Michio Miyamoto

Lynn Kurumaji Danny Nakamichi Larry Nishida & Julia Ueda Larry Nishida

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March Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED: Yoshimi Takasugi Baby Okamura Eizo Tashiro Masaru Omachi & Denichi Omachi

Fujiko Sasaki

Ura Otani

Jimmy Yoshiyuki Sasaki

Toyo Shiine Itaro Nakata & Tsurue Nakata Ken Sugai

Nobuko Taguchi, Michiko Taguchi, Akiko Taguchi, & Masami John Taguchi Hideo Shinkawa Haruko Oda & Shimo Matta Tom Satoshi Takayama

Kumakichi Sakamoto, Tokichi Sakamoto, & Michiyo Tatami Marian Togioka & Hiroshi Togioka Mitsuko Togioka & Hiroshi Togioka

Tokumi Morikawa, Ted Yamada & Koyu Yamada Helen Yamakoshi

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Charlene Okamura Dale Okamura Dennis Okamura

Kathleen Omachi Hideki Otani & Priscilla Kehoe Paul Sasaki & Brian Sasaki Debbie Diaz & Larry Nishida Michiko Nobuhiro Hiroko Shimozono Linda Doi & Janet Quiroz

Shizuko Taguchi Don Takanishi Helen Hamaoka Yukiye Takayama & Helen Hamaoka

Arthur Tatami

Priscilla Kehoe

Gary Sakata & Kiyo Inn

Ayako Yamada Carole Yamakoshi & Lois Yamakoshi

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Contact Numbers for Church Business

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The Buddhist Church of Parlier

Practical Shin Buddhism in Everyday Life Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

"Shifting from Please to Thank You" A contemporary view of Shin reveals Gratitude leads to a joyful guide to life

Saturda<mark>y, April 12, 2025, 3</mark>:00 p.m.



Join us for a visit from Reverend Dr. Kenji Akahoshi as he delves into the journey everyone is seeking: "How to lead a joyful life through gratitude in our everyday life." It is this unique perspective of Shin that guides us to recognize that our lives and our awakening are received from the efforts of others. Interdependence reveals we are truly supported by others and this realization results in a response of gratitude. Our gratitude offers a completely different reality, different from the context of prayer or petition for a personal desire. Gratitude becomes the open gate to a vast field of benefits.

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Camp Dharma at Keola 2025

Reedley Buddhist Church . P.O. Box 24, Reedley, CA 93654

March 1, 2025

TO: Members and Friends of the Reedley Buddhist Church

FROM: Judy Kobayashi & Reedley Buddhist Church

RE: Camp Dharma at Keola 2025 July 11 - 13, 2025 Huntington Lake

On behalf of the Reedley Buddhist Church, we are pleased to invite you to **Camp Dharma at Keola 2025**. This will be our 3rd year since starting up Camp Dharma again after an 11 year pause. Many campers have said the memories have been priceless! Our program will focus on "family" with activities for participants of <u>all ages</u>. Camp highlights include nature crafts, hiking, fishing, games, team sports, swimming, boating, and the campfire with songs and S'mores!

REGISTRATION: Please register by **May 21, 2025**. The registration rate will be \$162 per adult and students 12 and over, and \$158 for children ages 3 - 11. Children ages 2 and younger are free. If your child is a <u>registered</u> Reedley Dharma School student, he/she will be funded for \$100 of his/her registration by the Reedley Dharma School.

We know it is early, but we need to know if we'll have the minimum number of campers. <u>Please let us know</u> <u>if you're planning to attend by texting or emailing Judy at the number or email address below</u> then send in your registration and payment by the deadline.

In order to assign cabins and purchase supplies, we are requesting that **all** registration be submitted no later than <u>Wednesday, May 21st</u>. Please make checks payable to the: <u>Reedley Buddhist Church</u>. Please mail forms and payment to:

Judy Kobayashi / Camp Dharma at Keola 6362 N. Selland Ave. Fresno, CA 93711

We will do most of our correspondence via email and all cabin assignments will be made with priority given to older adults or those with medical needs. Cabin preferences will be requested at a later date.

T-SHIRTS: The camp t-shirts will be **\$5.00 each**. Please indicate your t-shirt size(s) on the registration form and include this fee with your payment. The remainder of the cost will be generously covered by Ben & Diane Kubota.

We are so excited to have the opportunity to sponsor this event again. Participants from previous camps have so many wonderful memories of fellowship, food, and activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Judy at: jk108@sbcglobal.net

text, call or leave a message: (559) 281-3954

We look forward to having you and your family sign up for this unique summer adventure! We hope to see you at Huntington Lake! Please feel free to share this with the rest of your family, former members, and close friends!



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