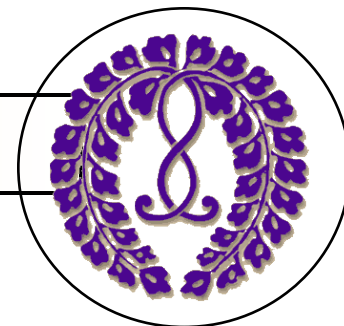


# REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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## October Calendar

8	October Shotsuki & Family Dharma Service	10:00 am
15	Nishida Family Memorial Service Hondo & Conference Room	1:00 pm
19	RBC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
22	Eshinni-Ko, Kakushinni-Ko, BWA Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service	10:00 am
22	Dharma School Halloween Party	12:00 pm
29	Fresno Food Bazaar	11:00 - 2:00 pm

## The Reedley Food Bazaar set for November 5th

The Reedley Buddhist Church Food Bazaar is back on track! We will be offering PICK UP or DINE IN once again! We're so excited to welcome everyone back on Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. Desserts, Inari, Spam Sushi, & a Country Store will also be available to purchase in person. (cash or checks only) The dinner will be sold as **pre-sales only**, so please see the **order form on page 6**.

We will be asking all able-bodied members to come out and help. The work schedule is included in this newsletter on **pages 10 & 11**. If we all pitch in, it will be so much easier!

### OCTOBER TOBAN:

Church Toban: Nakamichi, Donaldson  
Hatakeda  
BWA: Group 2: Kathy Nishinaka

## OCTOBER SHOTSUKI (Monthly Memorial Service) & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Refreshments following.**

## ESHINNI-KO, KAKUSHINNI-KO & BWA MEMBERS MEMORIAL

## & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Lunch following service  
followed by the  
Dharma School HALLOWEEN  
PARTY after lunch.  
(see flyer on page 7)**

## In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mr. Robert Iwasaki**, brother of Mr. Larry Iwasaki, who passed away on August 25, 2023, at the age of 83 years.

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Ms. Patricia Omachi**, sister of Kathy Omachi, who passed away on August 29, 2023, at the age of 76.

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Mr. Wesley Hara**, who passed away on September 17, 2023, at the age of 67.



## Church Acknowledges Dana

### 1st Year Memorial for Mr. Alan Bungo

The Family of Alan Bungo	\$ 300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Rikio Inn	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Nakai	50.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Bungo	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cary Fukuda	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Koyama	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Sasai	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Fujitsubo	25.00
Mr. Roger Inn	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Mebed & Family	25.00
Mrs. Mary Mukai	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	25.00
Mrs. Nancy Sakata	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Sato	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Yee & Family	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bungo & Family	20.00
Mr. Grant Bungo	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Mukai	20.00
Mr. Dennis Sasaki	20.00

Mrs. Kathleen Omachi  
*In Memory of Ms. Patricia Harumi Omachi* 250.00

Ms. Lois Yamakoshi  
*In Memory of Mr. Bobby Iwasaki* 25.00

Mrs. Toshiko Kawagoe  
*Senior Meals Donation* 100.00

Mrs. Alice Nakamura  
*Senior Meals Donation* 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro  
*Senior Meals Donation* 100.00

Mrs. Kiyoko Inn  
*Senior Meals Donation* 50.00

Mrs. Shiz Kunishige  
*Newsletter Donation* 25.00

### September Memorial Service

Mrs. Toshiko Kawagoe  
*In Memory of James Ikemiya* 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka  
*In Memory of Noriaki Hirasuna, Kumazo Mizokami, & Shigeo Mizokami* 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura  
*In Memory of Jim Sakuragi* 100.00

Mr. Don Takanishi  
*In Memory of Yutaka Tak Takanishi* 100.00

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### September Memorial Service continued:

Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto  
*In Memory of Shig Hashimoto & Midori Hashimoto* \$ 50.00

Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki  
*In Memory of Iyo Iwasaki & George Iwasaki* 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki  
*In Memory of Ann Iwasaki* 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro  
*In Memory of Kakuro Nobuhiro & Hisao Nobuhiro* 50.00

Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry  
*In Memory of Masaru Tanizaki* 50.00

Mrs. Ayako Yamada  
*In Memory of Yoshio Yamada* 50.00

Mr. Gerry Hada  
*In Memory of Kay Hada* 40.00

Mr. Gerry Hada  
*In Memory of Gregory Hada* 40.00

Mrs. Alice Nakamura  
*In Memory of Fusa Nishi* 40.00

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata  
*In Memory of Tsuru Naito, Tsuru Inn, & Tatsuo Sakata* 40.00

The Asami Family  
*In Memory of Hanna Asami* 30.00

Mrs. Nancy Sakata  
*In Memory of Tsuru Inn & Tatsuo Sakata* 30.00

Mrs. Kiyoko Inn  
*In Memory of Jack Tsudama* 25.00

Ms. Amy Naito  
*In Memory of Tsuru Naito* 25.00

Ms. Lily Ikemiya  
*In Memory of James Ikemiya* 20.00

Ms. Priscilla Kehoe  
*In Memory of Noburo Togioka* 20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi  
*In Memory of Tsuru Naito* 20.00

Mr. Ken Nakamura  
*In Memory of Fusa Nishi* 20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida  
*In Memory of Tsuru Naito* 20.00

### August Memorial Service

Mr. Michio Miyamoto  
*In Memory of Takako Miyamoto* 30.00

Mrs. Kiyoko Inn  
*In Memory of Yosuke Inn* 25.00





## New Term Begins for Dharma School



Dharma School started a new term on September 10th. Dharma School students attending the service are from L to R: (front row) Reiko M., Maya M., Keola K., Kayla K., Kinsey K., Ellie R., Kaji P., & Bodhi N. Back row: Jackson H., Kenji K., and Rev. Kaz Nakata.



## Need iPhone Assistance?

Sign up for a H.E.L.P. Class today!

Through 6 lessons we will cover:

- Texting, Calling, and Facetime
- Downloading Apps
- Zoom
- Navigating the internet
- Medical functions like Telemedicine
- Social Media
- And more!

All in a supportive senior-friendly environment!

Contact Gale Nakai to learn more and sign up!

Email: [gale@ccnf.org](mailto:gale@ccnf.org)

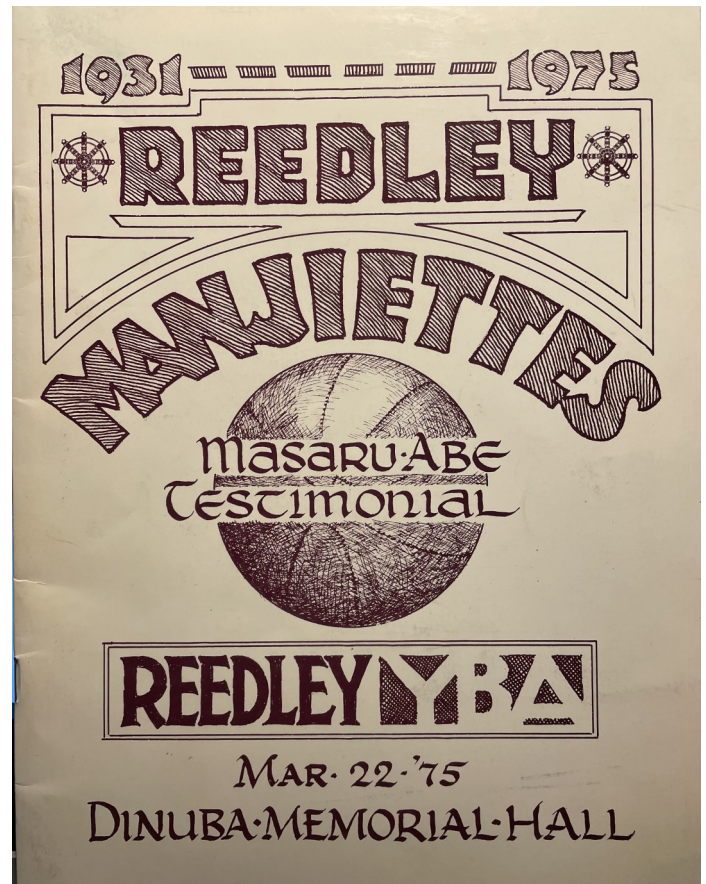
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## MANJIETTES BASKETBALL MEMORABILIA WANTED

The Reedley Museum will be featuring a display on the Reedley Manjiettes basketball team from the 1930's - 1970's. Organizer Naomi Hashimoto is looking for any memorabilia that you or your family may still have. This can include jackets, uniforms, tournament booklets, trophies, photos, etc.

If you have anything to lend to the display, please contact Naomi Hashimoto at: (559) 285-3216. Please LABEL your items so they can be returned.

The Reedley Manjiettes were very well known around the state as a powerhouse for women's Nikei basketball! We hope that when the display is complete, we will have more information to share with you and you will be able to visit the museum.







Reedley Dharma School and Reedley BWA  
are hosting a

# COUNTRY STORE

## at the Food Bazaar

**We are looking for donations of:**

Handmade items  
Home goods  
Tsukemono  
Jams  
Jellies  
Trail/Chex mix  
etc

**Drop off times:**

Saturday, 11/4 10AM-2PM  
Sunday, 11/5 10AM-12PM

Please visit on:

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**  
**3:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**Reedley Buddhist Church**



**Questions:**

Call/text Stacy Ramos at (559) 903-0625 or email [ramos.stacya@gmail.com](mailto:ramos.stacya@gmail.com)  
or Melanie Mukai at (559) 859-0541 or email [mtsakata@gmail.com](mailto:mtsakata@gmail.com)



## BAKERS NEEDED!

### BWA Pastry Booth at the Food Bazaar



Calling all you bakers out there to donate to the Pastry booth at the upcoming Reedley Buddhist Church Food Bazaar on Sunday, November 5, 2023! You all have a specialty and we would love to accept your donation this year! It's been too long since we've had a pastry/dessert booth!



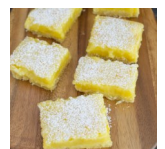
**Items Needed:** Any sweet treats! Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Snacks, Treats, Bar Cookies, or anything you can think of!



**What to do:** Please bring items labeled and make note if it has nuts in it. If you want to bring it packaged already, that would be great! Otherwise, containers will be available.

**When:** Bring it to the church on Saturday, November 4th from 1 - 4 PM or on Sunday, November 5th from 7:30 - 1:00 PM.

**Questions?** Call/text Karen Sakata at: (559) 284-9885 OR Vickie Nishida at: (559) 903-0317





## Message from Rev. Nakata

### Our founder, Shinran Shonin's difficult decision: "Harmony over Friendship"



Hello to all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends! I am happy to tell you that I've found that many people do read my articles! If you remember my last article, I wrote about my mother and my activity. Soon after the article was published, Sangha friends began approaching me and asked about my exercise, and walks. I replied, "Oh, thank you for reading my article, and yes, I am continuing my exercise, but I haven't made a 5 mile walk yet".

I often receive questions on Buddhism, especially on Jodo Shinshu, from those who do not know the difference between "Buddhism" and "Jodo Shinshu". It may be due to the lack of our ministerial effort to emphasize what Jodo Shinshu is. The common question on Buddhism is "what is enlightenment?" or "what/who is Buddha?". But rarely do I receive questions on Jodo Shinshu. My ministerial duty (or why I am hired in a ministerial position) is to promote and propagate Jodo Shinshu.

Do you know what is most essential and fundamental for Jodo Shinshu? You might answer "Amida Buddha!", "Nenbutsu (Recitation of Namu Amida Butsu)", or "Chicken Teriyaki!". I would say "yes!" to all these answers, but our Jodo Shinshu founder, Shinran Shonin's answer was quite different. Although he was a lifelong student learning the teaching, but never forced others to "study" Jodo Shinshu and never excluded those who did not have reading skills.

What was more important to Shinran Shonin than studying Jodo Shinshu? We can learn from the historical story on him.

In the 90 years of life, Shinran Shonin had 7 children. His oldest child was named Zenran. When Shinran Shonin turned about 62, he moved back to Kyoto (western prefecture of Japan) from the Tokyo area (eastern part of Japan). Zenran also moved to Kyoto at some point. After their move to Kyoto, the sangha members in the Tokyo area were getting unsettled. Shinran Shonin received letters from these members and decided

to send Zenran to mediate their issues. His decision was based on his trust in Zenran. After he sent his son to the Tokyo area, he started receiving hearsay from the sangha members, on Zenran's unbelievable behavior. One rumor was that Zenran misguided the members by claiming that he is the only descendant who mastered the teaching of his father. Shinran Shonin was shocked to hear this but realized that the rumor was true only when these members reported directly to Shinran Shonin, while visiting him in Kyoto. Although Shinran Shonin attempted to stop his son's improper behavior by sending several letters, Zenran ignored his father's advice. As the result, the sangha in the Tokyo area had become disharmonized. Shinran Shonin had to make a tough decision. The traditional Dharma Talk below, captures his thoughts in Japanese.

*"It is so lamenting to make a tough decision on my son, Zenran. I officially disown you and send the letters to both you and the members."*

This happened only a few years after Zenran was sent to the Tokyo area, on behalf of his father. The traditional Dharma Talk continues why Shinran Shonin made his tough decision...

*"Oh, Zenran. I disowned you, although it was so sad to make such a decision. I disowned you, not because I do not like you or I was eager to disconnect our father-son relationship. I needed to keep consistency of Jodo Shinshu teaching for future sangha members, and a harmonious sangha for the current sangha members."*

I learned of this story when I was a college student in Kyoto. It was a very good lesson, before entering the Jodo Shinshu ministry. Since, I try to remain humble, and share the proper understanding of Jodo Shinshu, while maintaining harmony.

I hope you thoroughly understand my hope and learn from Shinran Shonin.

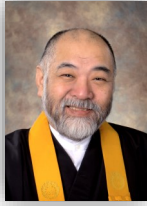
Gassho

Gratitude



## Message from Rev. Nakagawa

### Howa for 2023 BCA Ministerial Association's Fuken, the Symposium of Propagation



The second of the seven masters, Vasubandu Bodsav, provides the following important counsel to those who live with Buddha Dharma in one "commentary":

True enlightenment is to "read the true meaning of the scriptures in your own words."

To "read the true meaning in one's own words" does not mean that the scriptures are enlightenment itself, but means it is just a hypothesis expressed in words of the period.

“Dharmadharmatā-vibhāga” 「法法性分別論」 弥勒著世親註

I have recently been in failing health, and although I have not officially announced it, at the age of 70, I would like to retire from the position of BCA minister. This will probably be the last time I will see you all at the Kaikyōshi meetings and Summer Fuken. Thank you very much for your encouragement and support.

Before this Fuken started, I remembered the first time I attended Summer Fukenni more than 30 years ago. I was one of the youngest of the more than 50 senior missionaries I met, and I remember that I was quite elated, and I engaged in a lot of impudent discussions.

I vividly recall one of the elder ministers saying to me, "Why is it that you express so many opinions, but I never hear the voice of the O-Nenbutsu?" It was kind advice from an elder minister, but at the time I honestly thought, "Isn't this the Fuken (the symposium for the propagation)? So, dialogue is what matters the most. What does that empty-nenbutsu add up to?" I was frustrated. I was thinking about the current situation of the BCA, which is so different from that of Japan's tradition, and about the future of the Fresno Betsuin at that time, etc. My mind and heart were occupied with these thoughts.

However, now 30 years later, I am about to tell the young people the same thing as my predecessor minister.

Also, I remember a similar experience from my college days. The professor was an excellent researcher and an even more respected Buddhist practitioner, but he would often address us young students in class and say, "The more you recite the Nenbutsu, the more your whole body will be filled with the compassion of the Buddha. If you do not first try to chant the Nenbutsu with your mouth and body, the Nenbutsu will never touch your heart for the rest of your life." He said this with a serious look in his eyes.

Frankly speaking, I thought about him, "Why do you keep repeating something that makes no sense academically every time? Is it a typical aging phenomenon?"

Today, an old man would like to share that old professor's thoughts with you.

By the way, why do we have to say the Nenbutsu? To be honest, this is a normal question we all have. Although I was born and raised in a temple family, I honestly thought

that way until I grew up, but through the years, guided by people I had a chance to meet, I now feel that I have come to enjoy the Nenbutsu.

In the first place, the golden statue of the Buddha in the Hondo is a representation of the Buddha's wish that all living beings should lead a peaceful and joyful life and fulfill their lives toward Buddhahood. Buddha's "thought" or "Amitābha, immeasurable wisdom and kindness of the Buddha," is the Buddha's appearance in words called "O-Myōgō" that can be easily understood by anyone.

Please remember that the Buddha statues in our temple represent "words." That characteristic hand sign can be read in the ancient Indian hand language as 'Namu' for the right-hand sign and 'Amitābha' for the left hand sign.

We Jodo Shinshū followers recite the voice of the Buddha "Namu Amitābha," as Shinran Shonin's tone says, "Na-mo-a-mi-da-buh."

That is to say, Nenbutsu is a testimony to the fact that "Buddha became a word" thanks to Shakyamuni Buddha's practice.

In this case then, we don't need to seek where the Buddha is. The Buddha always tells us, "Whenever you want to see me, you must recite the Nenbutsu. It is a totally unexpected gift from the Buddha that comes out of our mouths as six syllables, "Na m a mi ta ba."

There it is, the fact of "Nenbutsu Dharma" delivered anytime, anywhere, to anyone, unconditionally. This is the true intent of the Śākyamuni Buddha himself. That is why Shinshū means the Truth Buddhism."

What do you think? The Nenbutsu we think we are reciting of our own volition is not the true Nenbutsu. The Nenbutsu that comes out of our mouths is the fruit of the Buddha's wish.

The Nenbutsu is Shakyamuni Buddha's wish from the bottom of his heart to liberate sentient beings who recite the Nenbutsu and to perfect their life-flow.

Let us make sure of this.

As far as the Nenbutsu, we think we are chanting by ourselves which won't liberate any sentient beings.

In Jodo Shinshū, the "practice" is nothing but "Cho-mon." The word is made up of two Chinese characters, "listen" and "hear." Simply, "listening to the Dharma" misses the point: Cho-mon means to listen after hearing or more precisely: "After hearing the Nenbutsu come from within oneself, listen to it deeply--why does it come?"

It is the act of "hearing to the Buddha's natural voice through the Myōgō that appears through one's own mouth." That is the Nenbutsu, and then deeply listen to the true nature of the arising of the Buddha's intent.

If you do not realize that the Nenbutsu, resonating from within you, is the Buddha's call from the truth of the universe at the bottom of your life-being, you will not be able to listen to the deep meaning of Dharma.

One day the well-known Myōkōnin, the pure Nenbutsu practitioner, Asahara Saichi, was asked by one visitor, "Where is the Buddha?" Saichi replied sullenly, "Is not at home." But after a while, "Nann-mann-da-buh (Namo Amidabuh)" voiced through his mouth, just then he said, "Oh, is coming here."

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# Reedley Buddhist Church

## 69th Food Bazaar

Chicken Teriyaki, Chow Mein, Namasu, Rice, Edamame, & Almond Cookie



Sunday, November 5, 2023

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

\$19 each - Pre-sale ONLY \* A limited number of dinners available

Deadline: Saturday, October 14, 2023

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

### We're Back!!!!



**Also for Sale:**  
Inari &  
Spam Sushi



**Country Store**  
Home-made items



**Desserts - So many**  
delicious goodies!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email or cell phone text (for receipt confirmation): \_\_\_\_\_

Boxed Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$19.00      Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Make checks payable to: REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

Questions: Call Vickie Nishida at (559)903-0317 or email: [vnishida1@gmail.com](mailto:vnishida1@gmail.com)  
or Karen Sakata at (559)284-9885 or email: [kgsakata@verizon.net](mailto:kgsakata@verizon.net)

For more information or to download a form go to: [www.reedleybc.org](http://www.reedleybc.org)





Reedley Buddhist Church

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Please join us for our Halloween Party

## OCTOBER 22

10am Eshinni / Kakushinni Service  
Attendees may wear costumes to church service.

Party will follow after lunch.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE HALLOWEEN FUN! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A SPOOKTACULAR DAY!**

Sponsored by Reedley Dharma School





## October Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The October Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for October are as follows:

### DECEASED:

Haruno Aoki  
Midori Aoki  
Hamako Nakagawa  
Taro Hatanaka  
Lois Miyuki Yamamoto  
Henry Masato Hosaka

Kan Ibara, Taka Ibara, &  
Masae Ibara  
Matsue Ikemiya  
Mino Enoshima

Masato Tsudama  
Satsuki Ishida & Yoshi Ishida  
Eddie Kaoru Hirano  
Yaeko Kai  
Agnes Nobue Kamada  
Hisayo Helen Fujita  
Mary Sachiko Okubo

Frank Masao Kubota, Shime  
Yoneta & Take Kanefuku  
Mitsue Maruyama  
Natsuyo Matoi & Akio Matoi  
Setsuo Miyamoto  
Miki Morita & Fusakichi  
Takeuchi  
Shigeji Naito  
Jitsuji Bungo & Alan Bungo  
Steven Shin Nakagawa &  
Kametarō Nakagawa  
Haruye Nishida & Yasumatsu  
Kishi

Tokumatsu Nishinaka  
Tosaku Nobuhiro  
Lola Ohashi  
Mabel Matsuko Okamura  
Bunichi Omachi  
Hideo Otani

Sayoko Otani

Alan Norio Bungo

### SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Fujiye Okino  
Betty Aoki  
Lisa Lo  
Joyce Hatanaka  
Arthur Hirata  
Russell Hosaka & Gayle  
Kaplan

Eloise Ibara  
Toshi Kawagoe  
Kiyoko Inn & Nancy  
Sakata

Kiyoko Inn  
Dale Ishida  
Lorraine Iwo  
Eva Iwanaga  
David Kamada  
Sue Kawamoto  
Janet Kamada & Craig  
Ito

Ben Kubota  
Michael Maruyama  
Evelyn Asato  
Michio Miyamoto

Lynn Kurumaji  
Amy Naito  
Grace Nakagawa

Midori Iwasaki

Julia Ueda & Larry  
Nishida  
Ronald Nishinaka  
Ben Nobuhiro  
Henry Ohashi  
Dale Okamura  
Kathleen Omachi  
Priscilla Kehoe & Hideki  
Otani

Priscilla Kehoe &  
Johnnie Togioka  
Gary Sakata

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## October Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Cont.

### DECEASED:

Matao Sakata & Fumiko  
Mizote  
Sada Yamamoto, Yoshiye  
Nakata & Jimmy Yamamoto  
Hiromi Shimizu  
Sumiko Betty Taguchi  
Toshimatsu Nakagawa &  
Tatsuno Nakagawa  
Jeffrey Teranishi  
Tamekichi Yoneda  
Fumi Togioka  
Rai Wada  
Hiroshi Morikawa & Michiye  
Eguchi  
Ruth Yuriko Kobayashi

### SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Nancy Sakata  
Ruth Sasaki  
Teruko Shibata  
Shizuko Taguchi  
Karen Takasaki  
Leah Kawahara  
Helen Hamaoka  
Johnnie Togioka  
Greg Wada  
Ayako Yamada  
Ellen Yamada



## Procedures for Requesting a Minister

### Funerals:

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

### Makuragyo Service:

During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office at (559) 442-4054 or **Rev. Nakata on weekdays or weekends directly (424) 666-7101.**

### Family Memorial Service:

**For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church:** Contact the RBC President to check the availability of the Reedley Church. Then contact **Lee Osaki** at the **Fresno Betsuin** (442-4054) to schedule the service. Fresno Betsuin office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Return call to Church President to confirm date and time.

**For services at family home:** Family will contact Lee Osaki at the Fresno Betsuin office to arrange for a minister.

## Contact Number for Church Business

**Reedley Church Phone:** (559) 638-2146

**Church President:** Mr. Kliff Justesen

Phone: (559) 917-0643

**Funeral Committee Chair:** Mr. Gary Sakata at:

Phone: (559) 250-9687

**Fresno Betsuin Office:** Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054 (call to request a minister or schedule a family service in Reedley after contacting Reedley president for church availability)

**Rev. Nakata: (urgent for Makuragyo) (424) 666-7101**

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## 2023 FOOD BAZAAR COMMITTEE (69th Annual)

500 dinners

**General Chairpersons: Charlene Okamura & Vickie Nishida**
**Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**CHICKEN:** Chairperson: M/M Dale Okamura Asst Chairperson: M/M Larry Nishida  
**Friday: 3:00 PM - Clean Chicken; Saturday: 2:30 PM - Marinate; Sunday: 7:30 AM - Cook Chicken**

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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mark Abe          | 9. Arthur Hirata    | 17. Judy Kobayashi  | 25. Nanette Nakamichi |
| 2. Kay Antoku        | 10. Lily Ikemiya    | 18. Lynn Kurumaji   | 26. Larry Nishida     |
| 3. Joy Donaldson     | 11. Kliff Justesen  | 19. Cheryl Miyakawa | 27. Vickie Nishida    |
| 4. Steve Donaldson   | 12. David Kamada    | 20. Nannette Mori   | 28. Henry Ohashi      |
| 5. Naomi Hashimoto   | 13. Janet Kamada    | 21. Jeff Naito      | 29. Charlene Okamura  |
| 6. Nanette Hashimoto | 14. Priscilla Kehoe | 22. Michael Naito   | 30. Dale Okamura      |
| 7. Nori Hashimoto    | 15. Kevin Kimura    | 23. Roberta Naito   | 31. Gary Sakata       |
| 8. Stanley Hirahara  | 16. Bobby Kobayashi | 24. Danny Nakamichi | 32. Don Takanishi     |

**RICE COOKING:** Chairperson: M/M Gary Sakata Asst. Chairperson: M.M Danny Nakamichi  
**RICE: Saturday: 1:00 PM - Wash Rice Sunday: 7:00 AM (sushi) & 11:00 AM (dinners)**

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Jim Hatakeda   | 3. Priscilla Kehoe | 5. Danny Nakamichi   | 7. Gary Sakata  |
| 2. Keiko Hatakeda | 4. Nancy Kimura    | 6. Nanette Nakamichi | 8. Karen Sakata |

**HOT DISH - CHOW MEIN:** Chairperson: Iris Justesen Asst. Chairperson: Joy Donaldson

**VEGETABLE PREPARATION at church: Saturday - 9:00 AM**  
**NOODLE SHREDDING - Sunday - 8:30 AM**

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| 1. Kay Antoku      | 8. Glenn Hamaoka   | 15. Lori Ikemiya    | 22. Phyllis Nishida |
| 2. Phyllis Asanuma | 9. Helen Hamaoka   | 16. Craig Ito       | 23. Diane Otani     |
| 3. Debbie Diaz     | 10. Joanne Hansen  | 17. Stephanie Ito   | 24. Dennis Sasaki   |
| 4. Andrew Hamada   | 11. Jim Hatakeda   | 18. Iris Justesen   | 25. Donna Suemoto   |
| 5. Jason Hamada    | 12. Keiko Hatakeda | 19. Noreen Kajihara | 26. Margo Toyota    |
| 6. Julie Hamada    | 13. Lorraine Holm  | 20. Janet Kamada    | 27. Sheryl Tsutsui  |
| 7. Kathy Hamada    | 14. Kenny Ikemiya  | 21. Lynn Kurumaji   |                     |

### EGG COMMITTEE (Hot Dish):

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| 1. Noreen Kajihara | 2. Kenji Kajihara |
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### BROTH (Hot Dish): Chairperson: Iris Justesen

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| 1. Joy Donaldson | 2. Iris Justesen | 3. Charlene Okamura | 4. Vickie Nishida |
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### NOODLES: Co-Chairpersons: Kliff Justesen & Don Takanishi

**Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - set up grills (Chairmen) Sunday: 7:30 AM Cooking noodles**

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| 1. Mitchell Abe    | 5. Craig Miyamoto | 9. Don Takanishi |
| 2. Harvey Hanemoto | 6. Philip Nishida | 10. Shuzo Toyota |
| 3. Kenny Ikemiya   | 7. Randy Nobuhiro | 11. Tyler Toyota |
| 4. Kent Kawagoe    | 8. Stanley Sasaki |                  |

**CHOW MEIN COOKING:** Sunday - Don Takanishi & Mitchell Abe (Head Cooks)

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| <b>1:30 - 3:00 PM</b> | Mitchell Abe, Kent Kawagoe, Jimmy Miyakawa, Craig Miyamoto, Philip Nishida, Don Takanishi                |
| <b>3:00 - 4:30 PM</b> | Harvey Hanemoto, Kenny Ikemiya, Randy Nobuhiro, Brian Okubo, Dennis Sasaki, Stanley Sasaki, Shuzo Toyota |

**NAMASU:** Chairperson: Diane & Ben Kubota

**Friday: 1:00 PM Washing Cukes; Saturday 8:00 AM Slice Cukes; Sunday 7:30 AM Prepare/mix/package Namasu**

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| 1. Joy Donaldson   | 6. Susan Ikemiya | 12. Lynn Kurumaji         |
| 2. Steve Donaldson | 7. Kent Kawagoe  | 13. Danny Nakamichi       |
| 3. Gerry Hada      | 8. Nancy Kimura  | 14. Kathy Nishinaka       |
| 4. Joanne Hansen   | 9. Alan Kubota   | 15. Karen Sakata          |
| 5. Bobby Ikemiya   | 10. Ben Kubota   | 16. Kenneth Sunamoto      |
|                    | 11. Diane Kubota | 17. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry |

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**SUSHI:** Chairperson: Kathy Nishinaka Asst. Chairperson: Lynn Kurumaji

**INARI SUSHI**

1. Debbie Diaz
2. Joy Donaldson
3. Lorraine Holm
4. Stephanie Ito
5. Janet Kamada
6. Judy Kobayashi
7. Lynn Kurumaji

**TIME: Sun. 9:00 am**

8. Nanette Nakamichi
9. Phylis Nishida
10. Kathy Nishinaka
11. Karen Sakata
12. Laura Tavlan
13. Sheryl Tsutsui

**SPAM SUSHI TIME: Sat. - 11:00 am / Sun. 9:00 am**

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| 14. Linda Doi       | 20. Amy Naito        |
| 15. Joanne Hansen   | 21. Vickie Nishida   |
| 16. Keiko Hatakeda  | 22. Charlene Okamura |
| 17. Noreen Kajihara | 23. Nancy Omori      |
| 18. Priscilla Kehoe | 24. Janet Quiroz     |
| 19. Janice Munoz    | 25. Margo Toyota     |
|                     | 26. Amy Tsuji        |

**SELLING SUSHI: Sunday 2 - 6 p.m.**

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| 1. Lynn Kurumaji | 2. Kathy Nishinaka |
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**PASTRY:** Chairperson: Karen Sakata

1. Lynn Abe
2. Joanne Hansen
3. Midori Iwasaki

Assistant: Noreen Kajihara

4. Sue Kawamoto
5. Noreen Kajihara
6. Karen Sakata

**Sunday - 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

7. Margo Toyota

**SERVING LINE:** Joy Donaldson & Iris Justesen

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Joy Donaldson | 6. Arthur Hirata    |
| 2. Andrew Hamada | 7. Iris Justesen    |
| 3. Jason Hamada  | 8. Priscilla Kehoe  |
| 4. Julie Hamada  | 9. Nancy Kimura     |
| 5. Kathy Hamada  | 10. Bobby Kobayashi |

**Sunday - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

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| 11. Diane Kubota      | 16. Michilu Nakata |
| 12. Nanette Nakamichi | 17. Gary Sakata    |
| 13. Akika Nakata      | 18. Don Takanishi  |
| 14. Kanon Nakata      |                    |
| 15. Michiko Nakata    |                    |

**RUNNERS:**

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| 1. Steve Donaldson | 2. Kliff Justesen |
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**Sunday - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m**

3. Henry Ohashi

**PASSING OUT DINNERS (IN HALL):**

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| 1. Judy Kobayashi | 3. Dale Okamura |
| 2. Jeff Naito     |                 |

**Sunday - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**TEA COMMITTEE:** Co-Chairpersons: Stacy Ramos & Melanie Mukai

1. Dharma School Students and Parents

**Sunday - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Members are requested to assist during the rush hour to help set and clear the tables.**

**GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Co-Chairpersons: Ben Kubota & David Kamada

**SET UP HALL: Friday, November 3 - 1:00 PM**

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| 1. Steve Donaldson | 5. Judy Kobayashi   | 9. Gary Sakata    |
| 2. Art Hirata      | 6. Ben Kubota       | 10. Byron Taira   |
| 3. Craig Ito       | 7. Dale Okamura     | 11. Don Takanishi |
| 4. David Kamada    | 8. Charlene Okamura |                   |

**PUBLICITY:** Chairperson: Lynn Kurumaji

**HOSTS:** 1. Ron Nishinaka 2. Nori Hashimoto

**TREASURER/TICKETS/CHECK-IN:** Michael Naito & Larry Nishida

**PURCHASING:** Larry Nishida, Priscilla Kehoe, Gary Sakata, & Vickie Nishida

**SIGNS:** Judy Kobayashi





# FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE

**"COME FOR LUNCH,  
TAKE HOME FOR DINNER!"**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023**

**11:00AM TIL 2:00PM**

**2690 E. ALLUVIAL AVE., FRESNO**

## PRE-ORDERED BOX LUNCH

**BONELESS TERIYAKI CHICKEN  
CHOW MEIN  
VEGETABLES  
NAMASU  
WHITE RICE  
FRUIT**

**\$20.00**

**ORDER BY OCTOBER 15**

## A LA CARTE MENU

**SUSHI  
SPAM MUSUBI  
SHRIMP/VEGETABLE TEMPURA  
CURRY RICE BOWL  
BBQ RIBS  
BEEF STICKS  
CHICKEN SALAD  
KARAAGE CHICKEN  
CROQUETTES  
DESSERTS  
BEVERAGES**

## RAFFLE

**HOURLY DRAWING**

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**3RD PRIZE — \$250**

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### **Rev. Nakagawa's Message continued from page 6:**

During a blind passion's (Bon-nō) rule, the Nenbutsu doesn't come alive. Saichi wanted to show such a meaning through his expression, "I'm currently working full of greed, so Buddha is absent."

I am deeply in agreement with the tanka poem of Reverend Zuiken Inagaki, who can be called a modern Myōkōnin: "I am ashamed of myself to say that I have been looking at Buddha from far off away when I've met 'Nann mann dabu' everyday."

I think that I experienced for myself what Shaku Zuiken had gone through.

We should remember Shinran Shōnin's words always, my dear Dharma-friends:

"True and real *Shinjin* is unfailingly accompanied by Nenbutsu recitation. Nenbutsu recitation, however, is not necessarily accompanied by *Shinjin*, that is the act of Buddha's wish-for-the-world." (from the "Kyo-Gyo-Shin-Sho, Chapter Shin, 50 passage")

That is: Nenbutsu recitation, with no Shinjin, is an empty Nenbutsu  
Shinjin, with no Nenbutsu recitation, is an empty Shinjin

Please recite the Nenbutsu while sensing by yourself that the Buddha's original vow is being realized. This is the Jodo Shinshū Hongwanji, the mainstream of Mahayana Buddhism, which accompanies and lives with the great way of life of the Buddha.

Namoamitabha, Namomamitabha, Namomamitabha



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OCTOBER 29, 2023  
11:00AM TO 2:00PM

FAMILY DHARMA  
CENTER



Dear Fresno Betsuin Church Members...

Our Ginza Food Bazaar is a major fundraiser towards the general operation of the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple. However, it is more than just about money. It is an opportunity for our members to gather, work, socialize, laugh, catch up and to work as a team towards a goal. This year we have shortened the length of our event as we will be open from 11a to 2p. Our theme, 'Come for Lunch and Take Home for Dinner' continues to reinforce and encourage our guests to come out to eat and socialize, then continue to enjoy the fruits of our labor in the evening. If people have not been in the new temple, we hope to make that available as well.

Thank you in advance for everyone's work and attendance.

Gordon Misaki, Event Co-Ordinator

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM BY OCTOBER 15th

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TAKE OUT BOX \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RAFFLE TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL DONATION THANK YOU! = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "FRESNO BUDDHIST CHURCH"

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM, CHECK AND ANY UNSOLD TICKETS (FOOD and RAFFLE) IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE BY OCTOBER 15TH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!