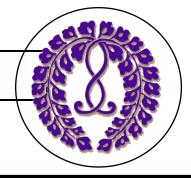
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September Calendar



4 Labor Day Holiday

9 Bungo Family Memorial Service 11:00 AM

10 Ohigan, September Shotsuki, & Dharma School Service -

New Term 10:00 AM

14 RBC Board Meeting 7:00 PM

16 BWA Bingo Day - Conference Room 12:00 PM

24 Central California Family

Nenbutsu Seminar - Fresno 10:00 AM



See page 8 for details and to sign up.

SEPTEMBER TOBAN:

Church Toban: Hamada, Sakata

& Kajihara

BWA: Group 1: Karen Sakata



OHIGAN, SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI
(Monthly Memorial Service)
& FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE
New Term Begins!

Sunday, September 10, 2023

10:00 AM



Lunch following the service.

The Reedley Food Bazaar is BACK!



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. The dinner will be sold as **pre-sales only**, so please see the order form on page 6.

We will be <u>asking all members to come out</u> <u>and help</u>. The work schedule will be sent out next month.



Sponsored by Reedley BWA

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Saturday, September 16, 2023 12:00 noon

RBC Conference Room

Come join in on the fun, eat lunch, and play Bingo!





REEDLEY DHARMA SCHOOL STARTS A NEW TERM!



Please invite everyone to come and join us!

Sunday, September 10, 2023 10:00 AM

Lunch will be served following the service!

New students can register and attend!

Tell your friends, grandkids, and anyone else between the ages of 2 years to high school!

Make a new ojuzu and have a delicious shaved ice!

Activities planned for the year: Family Nenbutsu Seminar, Halloween activity, Snow Hike, Beach Outing, Camp Dharma at Camp Keola, and other fun activities throughout the year!



Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief

The island of Maui experienced a devastating fire on August 8th and many lives were lost. The town of Lahaina is gone and the Lahaina Hongwanji and its Sangha were directly affected by the fires. The temple, classrooms, parsonage, and columbarium were destroyed. Many temple members have lost their homes.

The Reedley Buddhist Church, on behalf of its members, and the Reedley BWA have made a donation towards the support of the relief efforts.

If you would like to make a personal donation, you may send a check directly to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813

and designate in the memo <u>Maui Wildfire Disaster</u> <u>Relief</u> to ensure proper distribution. There is also a GoFundMe at the following link:

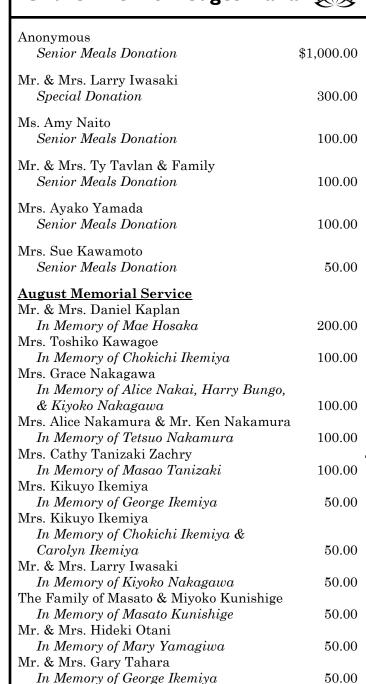
https://gofundme/ff77a520

You may also donate online at: www.hongwanjihawaii.com and clicking on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief"

All donations will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and the relief efforts on Maui. The Office of the Bishop and Committee on Social Concerns will prioritize addressing the immediate and short-term needs of temple families displaced by the fires and supporting the greater community as it rebuilds.







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Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata

Mrs. Joanne Hansen

Mrs. Sue Kawamoto

Tsutsumi

In Memory of George Ikemiya

Jutsro Naito, & Ayame Kodama

In Memory of Shig Matsuoka

Ikemiya

In Memory of Chokichi Ikemiya & Carolyn

In Memory of Toru Ikeda, Yosuke Inn,

In Memory of Tsunejiro Tanaka & Agnes

Mrs. Nancy Sakata
In Memory of Yosuke Inn
Mrs. Ayako Yamada
In Memory of Umeichi Morikawa, Itaro
Kurokawa, Masako Kurokawa, Itoku
Kurokawa, & Satomi Yamada
Ms. Amy Naito
In Memory of Toru Ikeda
Mrs. Amy Naito
In Memory of Yasuji Nomi
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro
In Memory of Umanosuke Shiine
Ms. Lily Ikemiya
In Memory of Totaro Tamaki
Ms. Priscilla Kehoe
In Memory of Mary Yamagiwa
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi
In Memory of Jutaro Naito, Ayame Kodama,
Toru Ikeda, & Yasuji Nomi
Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji
August Memorial Service
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida
In Memory of Jutaro Naito, Ayame Kodama,
Toru Ikeda, Yasuji Nomi, & George Inouye
Obon Service
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family
Wif. & Wifs. Ty Tavian & Family
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 9:30AM - NOON

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Rev. Don Castro retired from Seattle Betsuin at the end of 2016 after serving there for 32 years and 39 years with BCA. He founded the EcoSangha in the late 1990's and developed the EcoSangha logo with graphic artist Kenji Tachibana. The purpose of EcoSangha is to promote the awareness that, "to be a Buddhist is automatically to be an ecologist and a conservationist." In fact, Buddhism has been called "cosmic ecology" by the Buddhist scholar Francis Cook. Ecology, however, is science and Buddhism is not just science. That is why we say it is also conservation which involves values, meaning, aesthetics, etc. Buddhism uses science within the context of kindness, compassion and the Bodhisattva ideals. Rev. Castro

has two married sons and five grandchildren whose environmental legacy greatly con-

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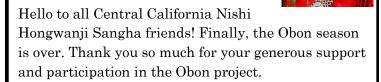
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Message from Rev. Nakata

Mother's Advice



Have your parents or grandparents ever advised you on something?

Once my mother told me that when you turn 50, you should walk. At that time, I was 26, preparing for my ministerial (overseas) work in the US., and I understood the health benefit of walking, but being busy was my excuse for not walking.

Since then, two decades have passed. My mother turned 70 this year and she has extended her walking distance from 2 miles to 5 miles per day. Additionally, she joined the local gym and learned from an instructor how to keep her muscles strong.

I give you a quiz now! Do you know what the diameter of Earth is? The answer is precisely 7,926 miles, according to the NASA webpage. Living in Central California, you may feel that an 8,000-mile drive is not a lot. I change my oil in my car (with 10,000-mile proof engine oil) once or twice a year so I surpass 8,000 miles in six to eight months just by driving. However, how about 8,000 miles by walking? How many days or years would it take you to walk 8,000 miles? My mother walks 5 miles, 365 days a year, in rain or shine. It takes her only 4 years and several months to walk the distance of the diameter of Earth! So, in the last 2 decades, she could virtually walk 3 or 4 times around the Earth while I have been lazy. I was stunned to know this reality.

In June, I faced the reality of obesity and high blood pressure, and I turned 47 in August, only three more years to age 50. Then, I recalled my mother's advice of 20 years ago. Since then, she has been walking for two decades, and she walks virtually 3 to 4 times around Earth. I do not think I can reach her, but I can certainly follow her path.

Since June, I have been waking up at 6AM to walk. One of the main reasons that I wake up so early is the Central Cal climate. It reaches 80 to 90 by 10am, but it is still cool at 6am (high 60s to mid-70s.) I only walk for 2.5 miles and for an hour, but my lifestyle has dramatically changed. One of the big changes is my bedtime. I used to go to bed around 11 or midnight but to wake up at 6:00AM, I now go to sleep at 9:00AM, the same time as Akika's (my youngest daughter) bedtime.

For the first several weeks, it was difficult to go to sleep so early, but my body has gradually adjusted to fit that lifestyle. When I walk in the cool morning and breathe the air, it makes me very refreshed, even if the temperature reaches 100F in the afternoon. Another big change is healthier eating. When I started walking, I thought it was not necessary to consume excess calories. Reedley board members are so generous to serve cookies and cakes at their board meeting. One day, they served cake with rich whipped cream. In the past, I would not pay attention to how heavy the cream on the cake is, but now I set aside the whipped cream. After the meeting, some ladies teased me saying, "we saw you were taking the whipped cream away!" I was glad that they pointed out my actions and I felt proud of myself. My mother's advice 20 years ago is quite meaningful and effective now. I do not think she remembers what she said, but I still remember it and now I follow her advice to make myself healthier. I do not know how many years I need to walk to reach the diameter of the earth, but as long as I remember the advice of my mother, I have the confidence that someday I can reach that distance. Shinran Shonin wrote, "Senior will lead Junior, so that Junior should follow Senior" in his Kyogyo Shinsho. After 20 years of hearing my mother's advice, I truly understand and experience that phrase of Shinran Shonin.

Gassho.





Message from Rev. Nakagawa

Take it easy! Everyone is Different, Everyone is Good

Since I have had my health problem, I have been staying at home for a long time and have more opportunities to watch TV.

According to a science program I saw on TV, our solar system, including the Earth, is considered to have been born about 4.6 billion years ago. Although this solar system has eight planets and more than 114 satellites in total, living organisms exist only on this Earth so far. The Earth is orbiting about 93 million, 2 hundred-thousand miles away from the sun. It is said that the orbit of this distance was just right for "water" existence, so an environment was created to nurture life forms such as the ocean. And it was 3.6 billion years ago that the first life appeared on this earth.

An environment suitable for nurturing life was developed, life was born, and 3.6 billion years later, I am now living as a human being. The scientist who told this story said that we must be grateful for living and alive in this way, considering that life was born from a series of truly wonderful coincidences.

Without exception, we were born from parents--an evolved mankind from "original life-form" born to the earth 3.6 billion years ago. We are different individuals now after receiving the conditions of education and the environment. From the edge of the universe to the earth of this planet, there is a chain of interdependency beyond imagination. Even when you look at your body inwards, you can understand that you exist by an interdependency of 60 trillion cells. If even one of these boundless conditions is lacking, the result is that we would not have our identity right now. We, as each individual existence, are living by being supported by countless other powers other than oneself without exception.

So how should we live this one-time precious life? It is to listen to Buddha dharma and walk along the path to buddhahood that is a goal of all living forms as responsible human beings.

So what does it mean to listen to the Buddha-dharma and become a Buddha?

There are various religions in the world. Religion gives meaning and direction to each person's life. There are also many false teachings that will mislead the way.

Shinran Shonin classified religions, as true religion, tentative religion and false religion. True religion, as called by him, is Jodo Shinshu. A tentative religion is a teaching that

devises and sets as an educational means to bring people to the truth.

Some people say that any religion aims for the same goal, but that is not the case. There are religions that emphasize faith as a way to make money, cure illnesses, or benefit current life in order to satisfy human desires. There are also religions that demand the sacrifice of both human life and happiness under the name of justice. These are types of false religion.

Anything that promotes one's selfishness or scares people by punishing them is by no means a true religion. These even destroy families under the name of religion and even involve the world in conflict.

Shinran Shonin convinced us that the teaching of Nenbutsu, which can make us awaken from the self-centered and self-attached delusional heart/mind and make all of us a Buddha, is the true religion.

Buddha is a word that means "awakened to the truth." It is called becoming a Buddha when we wake up from our own delusion, cut off our greed, and live in the true and real world.

Get out of your narrow heart that just pursues the desires in front of you and only thinks about yourself and open your eyes to see the truth/reality and become the first person to wish for the true happiness of people other than yourself.

The path of the Nenbutsu that Shinran Shonin actually walked was convinced that it was the path to become such a Buddha. I would like to continue to walk along this path of Nenbutsu.

I would like to meet the true teachings of Buddha which lets me be thankful to "life being" and sincerely say to myself, "I am glad I was born."

In closing, I want share one Buddhist poem written by Misuzu Kaneko. Hope you enjoy it.

A Bell, A Bird and Me

(English Translation)
Even if I spread out both hands,
I cannot fly at all in the sky,
But the bird that can fly
Cannot run fast on the ground like me.



Even if I shake my body, It doesn't make beautiful sounds, But the ringing bell Doesn't know as many songs as me.

A bell, a bird and me, Everyone is different, everyone is good.



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

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

or Karen Sakata at (559)284-9885 or email: kgsakata@verizon.net

For more information or to download a form go to: www.reedleybc.org

September Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The September Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted on Sunday, September 10, 2023 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 Bernice Sumie Ochikubo

Fusako Kawakami

Gloria Lorraine Aoki Hanna Asami

Kay Hada & Greg Hada

Satoko Harada

Midori Hashimoto Shigetsugu Hashimoto

Tona Arakawa Tadashi Nagai Hideo Hotta Magozo Ibara Tsuru Naito

James Masaru Ikemiya

Mitchell Abe Kay Antoku

Betty Aoki Lillian Garrigus Gerry Hada Chervl Miyakawa & Nannette Mori

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Keiko Hatakeda Joyce Hatanaka Michi Hotta Eloise Ibara

Amy Naito & Karen Sakata

Kenneth Ikemiya & Toshi Kawagoe

Tsuru Inn & Tatsuo Sakata Nancy Sakata Jack Haruo Tsudama Kiyoko Inn

Ivo Iwasaki & George

Iwasaki Isami Ann Iwasaki Sadayo Hifumi Sadatsuchi Yoneta Ayako Maruyama Isamu Miyamoto Bill Suteo Mori

Fusa Nishi Noburo Togioka Noriaki Hirasuna Kumazo Mizokami & Shigeo Mizokami

Chizuko Iwasaki Larry Iwasaki Sandra Shinkawa Ben Kubota Michael Maruyama Michio Miyamoto Cheryl Miyakawa, Nannette Mori, &

Fujive Okino Alice Nakamura Johnnie Togioka Kathy Nishinaka

Ronald Nishinaka

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September Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Cont.

DECEASED: SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Kakuro Nobuhiro & Hisao

Ben Nobuhiro Nobuhiro Hajime Jim Sakuragi Dale Okamura Melvin Seiichi Omori Sadako Sally Okino Kimiko Shitanishi Yutaka Takanishi Masao Takasaki Toshio William Nakagawa

Michiye Ikuta Junichi Noji Yoshio Yamada Shizu Yamada

Masaru Tanizaki

Nancy Omori Dennis Sasaki Tom Shitanishi Don Takanishi Yukiye Takayama Karen Takasaki Cathy Tanizaki Zachry

Arthur Tatami Kazuko Tatami 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 Reedlev 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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Nenbutsu Gathering/Family Fun Day



Sunday, September 24, 2023

Fresno Buddhist Temple

9:30 a.m 10:00 a.m.	Registration / Coffee, juice, and pastries
10:00 a.m 10:30 a.m.	Family Dharma Service in the Hondo
10:30 a.m10:45 a.m.	Walk to Family Dharma Center and Classroom
10:45 a.m11:45 a.m.	Music workshop for adults: FDC
	Music workshop for children: Classroom 1
11:45 a.m 12:45 p.m.	Lunch in FDC
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Sangha Social
	Bounce House
	Central Cal Jr. YBA Shave Ice
	(donations accepted)
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Bingo for everyone!

We are hoping to have a Sangha Band perform for a one rehearsal and a one performance only at the Nenbutsu Gathering. Anyone who plays a band instrument, please contact Janette Wong-Sing at bowlersr@aol.com.

We're looking for 7th - 12th grade students and adults for the band!

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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

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