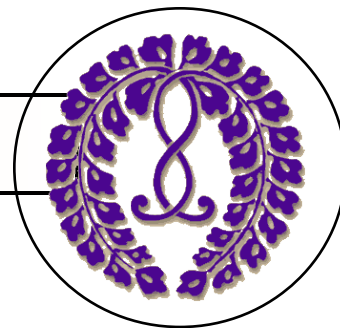


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## June Calendar



1	Tanizaki/Zachry Family Service	10:00 AM
1	Kajihara Family - reserved hall & Conference Room	all day
8	Slice Meat for Fundraiser Skewer beefsticks	8:00 AM 10:00 AM
9	Renny Shonin Memorial, June Shotsuki, & Family Dharma Service	10:00 AM
11	Obon Dance Practice - Conf. Room	7:00 PM
18	Obon Dance Practice - Conf. Room	7:00 PM
20	Obon Dance Practice - Conf. Room	7:00 PM
21	Summer Bento Fundraiser Prep	all day
22	Summer Bento Fundraiser & Country Store in church social hall	3 - 6 PM
25	Obon Dance Practice - Conf. Room	7:00 PM
27	Obon Dance Practice - Conf. Room	7:00 PM
29	Funeral Service for Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya	11:00 AM
29	Visalia Buddhist Church OBON	6:00 PM
30	S. Nishida Family - reserve Conf. Room	8:30 AM

## **RENNYO SHONIN MEMORIAL, JUNE SHOTSUKI & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE**

**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Lunch will be served following the service**

## Reedley Hatsubon Service

We will be conducting a Reedley Buddhist Church HATSUBON SERVICE on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM. We will be observing Hatsubon for those who have passed away since our 2023 Hatsubon Service. Family members are invited to attend the service and light a lantern in memory of their loved one.

### 2024 Hatsubon

**Robert Iwasaki**

**Wesley Hara**

**Lynn Abe**

**Masako Kobayashi**

**Kikuyo Ikemiya**

**Patricia Omachi**

**Johnnie Togioka**

**Mary Hashimoto**

**Fujiye Okino**

If you have a loved one who has passed away this past year and would like him/her to be included and added to our Shotsuki list, please contact President Larry Nishida at (559) 903-0316 or email

## Summer Bento 2024 June 22, 2024



Teriyaki Beefsticks, Boneless Teriyaki Chicken, Chinese Chicken Salad, A-ge Somen, & Rice

**\$20 per dinner - presale only**

**Deadline: June 1, 2024**

**(see Page 4 for details!)**

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

**REEDLEY OBON FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024**

**FOOD SALES - 5:00 PM**

**DANCING BEGINS: 8:00 PM**



## In Memory



Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya**, mother of Laura Tavlan & Arleen Tahara, who passed away on May 13, 2024 at the age of 92.

### JUNE TOBAN:

**Church Toban:** Hatakeda, Kajihara, & Kamada

**BWA: Group 2:** Kathy Nishinaka





## Message from Rev. Majima

### Dancing Moggallāna



As we enter June, it's the Obon season. There are several Obon-related stories that I love, and I'd like to share one of them with you.

Once upon a time, when Shakyamuni Buddha was in India, there was a disciple named Moggallāna. He gained transcendental power through serious Buddhist practice and became well-known for it. Moggallāna's mother was also respected for her intelligence, but after she passed away, she was reborn as a hungry spirit because of her karma, specifically the sin of greed (attachment to things that bring us pleasure). This might be surprising since she loved her son from the bottom of her heart and acted as a good mother.

In the realm of hungry spirits, all beings have large bellies and thin bodies. They are constantly starving with insatiable appetites, but when they try to eat, the food turns into flames, leaving them desperate.

Moggallāna was deeply sorrowful over the loss of his mother, and upon learning about her rebirth, he felt even more despair. Despite being able to see her suffering with his transcendental power, he couldn't find a way to help her. Moggallāna went to Shakyamuni Buddha for guidance. The Buddha declined simply, saying, "I am sorry, my friend, but no one can substitute for her since she brought this upon herself."

Moggallāna continued returning to the Buddha, insisting, "She is my only mother, and I would rather lose my life than not help her." Seeing his disciple's sincerity, an idea came to the Buddha. He tasked Moggallāna with overseeing a flawless food donation to the Sangha during the rainy season retreat, ensuring faultless conduct among the sacred monks.

The Buddha gave Moggallāna this challenging responsibility, requiring him to oversee everything 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the month. He perfectly fulfilled the precepts.

During his assignment, Moggallāna began to realize that his supposed pure love for his mother was still rooted in his ego-centered mind. His mother was also strongly attached to him while she lived, because she loved him so much. It was also true that she didn't show as much care for other children as she did for Moggallāna.

One day, Moggallāna realized that he had never experienced true love. He gradually understood the essence of suffering caused by desire and pleasure. After a month of selfless giving, he fully grasped the truth of his self-attachment and felt released from it. He then transferred his virtue to his mother and saved her from the realm of hungry spirits.

Moggallāna felt ultimate happiness. Suddenly, his body began to move on its own. He started dancing wildly with excitement. It is said that Moggallāna's joyful dancing is the origin of the Bon Dance.

The Buddha guided Moggallāna to a higher level of awareness. Moggallāna learned the true meaning of the act without seeking anything in return through the Buddha's guidance. The Buddha said, "If you genuinely try to save someone, first and foremost, you must be saved."

In Buddhist teachings, salvation means awakening the deluded to the truth and guiding them to enlightenment. Serving food, which the Buddha assigned to Moggallāna, is recognized as one of the most difficult practices in the Buddhist tradition. However, no practice cannot be undertaken without the Buddha's guidance.

Namo Amida Butsu

### DIED FOR A BETTER LIFE (Message for Students)

Once upon a time, a caravan traveled across a desert. There were five hundred merchants in the caravan. The desert was like a vast ocean of sand. It was extremely hot during the day and freezing cold at night. The sand stretched as far as the eye could see, and there were no rivers or lakes. The only sources of water were the oases, small green islands amidst the dry sand. To secure water, the caravan traveled from one oasis to the next. The caravan traveled with camels, which, unlike people, do not need frequent water.

One day, the caravan took longer than usual to reach the next oasis, and they ran out of water. When the caravan reached a mountainside, the young leader said, "The next oasis is over the mountain, but we need to feed the camels now. Please be patient. There's grass here, so let's dig and see if we can find water."

Some people started to feed the camels while others began to dig.

They dug and dug, but no water appeared, leaving everyone disappointed. Then someone shouted, "Gold!" He had found gold instead. The group was overjoyed and forgot

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## Church Acknowledges Dana

Kenneth Sunamoto Family <i>In Memory of Mrs. Sandra Sunamoto</i>	\$ 300.00
The Family of Fujiye Okino <i>In Memory of Mrs. Fujiye Okino</i>	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	300.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Anonymous <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00

### May Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Hanemoto <i>In Memory of Haruichi Hanemoto</i>	100.00
Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Harry Iwasaki</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiki Kagawa <i>In Memory of Haruichi Hanemoto</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka <i>In Memory of Matsue Nancy Hirasuna</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Okamura <i>In Memory of Masao Okamura</i>	100.00
Mr. Don Takanishi <i>In Memory of Kinuye Kay Takanishi</i>	100.00
Mrs. Lois Yamakoshi <i>In Memory of Shirley Yamakoshi Baskin</i>	100.00
Mrs. Joanne Hansen <i>In Memory of Helen Matsuoka</i>	50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Umeyo Saunders, Waka Kawamoto, Setsuko Kawamoto, &amp; Ken Kawamoto</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of Kenny Nishida, Mari Hiyama, &amp; Brad Hiyama</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of Doug Togioka, Brad Hiyama, Mariko Hiyama, &amp; Bobby Sakata</i>	40.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada <i>In Memory of Bill Yamada &amp; Robert Yamada</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto <i>In Memory of Junzo Hashimoto</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of Mariko Hiyama &amp; Bradley Hiyama</i>	25.00
Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji <i>May Memorial Service</i>	25.00

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## May Shotsuki Memorial Service continued:

Ms. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Mari Hiyama</i>	\$ 25.00
The Takasaki Family <i>In Memory of George Takasaki</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Shuzo Toyota <i>In Memory of Tsuneko Ideuye, Masutaro Toyota, &amp; Katsutaro Toyota</i>	20.00

### April Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>In Memory of Suye Tsuji</i>	50.00
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### June Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. John Nishio <i>In Memory of John Morita</i>	50.00
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## OBON DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
 Tuesday, June 18, 2024  
 Thursday, June 20, 2024  
 Tuesday, June 25, 2024  
 Thursday, June 27, 2024  
 Tuesday, July 1, 2024

All practices begin at 7:00 PM in the church conference room. Practices will be led by Lynn Kurumaji and Karen Sakata.

### Rev. Majima's Message Continued from page 2: Died for a Better Life

about their thirst as they resumed digging. An enormous amount of gold seemed to be buried underground.

The leader, having ensured the camels were well-fed, said, "Everyone, let's move to the oasis before it gets too late." He worried about the time needed to reach the next oasis and the impact of water scarcity on their health. The situation was critical and could become fatal without water. However, no one listened, continuing to dig for gold, sweat dripping down their faces. The leader shouted, "Come on, everybody! Let's go!" but his warnings fell on deaf ears.

You can imagine what happened to the people in that caravan. Buddha taught that clinging to our possessions, no matter how little, isn't true contentment. In this story, the people, driven by their desires, drowned in their own ocean of greed and ended their lives tragically. They died in pursuit of a better life, believing that wealth would bring them fulfillment.

Buddha said, "True contentment is wealth."

Namo Amida Butsu



Still a few days  
to order!

# Reedley Buddhist Church Summer Bento 2024

Order your  
bento!

Saturday, June 22, 2024

3:00 - 6:00 PM

\$20.00 pre-sale only

(A limited number of dinners available)



Teriyaki Beefsticks, Boneless Teriyaki Chicken, Chinese Chicken Salad, A-ge Somen, & Rice  
Pastries & Country Store Items for Sale!

Deadline: Saturday, June 1, 2024

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

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

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

Summer Bento Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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 email Karen Sakata at: [kgsakata@verizon.net](mailto:kgsakata@verizon.net)

It's too hot to cook! Let us do it for you!





# Camp Dharma at Camp Keola 2024

There's still time to register to go to Camp Dharma at Camp Keola at Huntington Lake on July 5 - 7, 2024! We still have openings available, but you need to act quickly! Reedley Dharma School students are being fully funded by the Reedley Dharma School. Reedley BC members, friends, & family are invited to attend!

Meals, activities, & lodging are included with your registration. (\$156 - ages 12-up, \$152 for ages 3 - 11, 2 & under - free) You don't have to have kids to attend! Adults also enjoy the week-end in the Sierras; fishing, boating, arts & crafts, or just visiting with each other!

If we want to continue this wonderful event, we **NEED YOU!**

**Come on what are you waiting for?**

Email Judy at: [jk108@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jk108@sbcglobal.net) or call at (559) 281-3954

Find the registration form in the past two newsletters.

T-shirts are being ordered soon and cabins will be assigned soon!

## HELP!

### All BWA and Church Members! Pastries & Baked Goods Needed!

The Reedley BWA and Reedley Buddhist Church members are asked to donate pastries and/or baked goods for the SUMMER BENTO fundraiser on June 22, 2024. All items should be brought to the church hall the day of the fundraiser. Please label your items!

We hope to have cookies, manju, pies, cakes, and delicious desserts to sell. Thank you!



## Dharma School Beach Outing



The Reedley Dharma School sponsored their annual Avila Beach outing on May 4th. It rained, but it didn't hamper their fun! They were joined by the CC Jr. YBA too!





Reedley Dharma School is seeking donations and help!

# COUNTRY STORE

at RBC's Summer Bento

**We are looking for donations of:**

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



Please visit on:

**Saturday, June 22nd, 2024**

**3:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Reedley Buddhist Church**



**Drop off time:**

Saturday, 6/22 10AM-12PM

**WE ARE ALSO SEEKING HELP TO MAKE SUSHI THE DAY OF**

please contact Stacy or Melanie for details and/or 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)

Kenji Kajihara  
2024 Dharma Scholarship Recipient

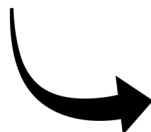


Congratulations to Reedley High School graduate, Kenji Kajihara, son of Richard & Noreen Kajihara, the 2024 Reedley Buddhist Church Dharma Scholarship recipient. Pictured with RBC President, Larry Nishida and Rev. Miekko Majima.

Dharma School End of Term Students



Perfect Attendance  
Award Recipients





## June Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The June Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for June are as follows:

### DECEASED:

Fujiye Mukai  
Kiyoshi Aoki & Kikuko  
Kawakami  
Fred Minoru Masumoto  
Chiyo Haraguchi  
Ayako Emily Sakamoto &  
Yukio Sakamoto  
Ben Tsutomu Hatakeda &  
Hazuye Hatakeda

Frank Hirata & Irene Shizuye  
Tamura

Asakichi Hosaka & Jisaku  
Mukai

Edith Shizuye Maeda,  
Kazuo Ibara & Irene  
Nakashiki

Michiko Ikeda &  
Kiyomi Takahashi

Hisao Tamaki  
Jack Noburo Ota  
Tsuneichi Ishida

Emiko Matsuno  
Arakichi Kimura  
Sanpei Ito & Helen Kimura  
Harakichi Konishi  
Yoshiye Kubota &  
Michiko Yoneta

Kanichi Kunishige  
Sanatsu Miyamoto

John Jun Morita  
Ben Tsutomu Nakagawa  
Tom Nakamichi

George Nishi &  
Takematsu Nishi

Asako Nakamura  
Midori Nishida  
Yasuki Kitaoka  
Sode Sakuragi & George

Choji Okamura  
Setsuo Okino, Yaino Okino,  
Shintaro Okino, &  
Masayuki Okino

### SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Mitchell Abe  
Betty Aoki  
Evelyn Asato  
Hatsuko Hanashiro  
Darlene Hashimoto  
Lisa Lo & Karen  
Herberts

Art Hirata

Todd Hosaka

Eloise Ibara

Amy Naito  
Robert Ikemiya  
Susan Ikemiya  
Dale Ishida  
Iris Justesen  
Karen Sakata  
Sandra Shinkawa  
Kagumi Persall

Ben Kubota  
Jill Kunishige  
Michio Miyamoto  
Lynn Kurumaji  
Midori Iwasaki  
Danny Nakamichi

Alice Nakamura  
Harvey Nakamura  
Larry Nishida  
Midori Nishijima

Dale Okamura

Cheryl Miyakawa

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## June Monthly Memorial Cont.

### DECEASED:

Shigeto Omachi, & Shizue  
Omachi  
Susumu Sasaki  
Sukeichi Sasaki & Torayo  
Sasaki

Kikutaro Shimizu  
Toyotaka Shitanishi  
Jerry Sunamoto  
Shigetaro Takasaki & Nobu  
Takasaki  
Kimiye Tanizaki  
Hikoso Tatami & Akio  
Tatami  
Shizuko Kimoto

### SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Kathleen Omachi  
Lynette Sasaki

Shirow Sasaki &  
Satoshi Sasaki  
Teruko Shibata  
Tom Shitanishi  
Kenneth Sunamoto

Yukiye Takayama  
Cathy Tanizaki Zachry

Arthur Tatami  
Amy Tsuji

## Procedures for Requesting a Minister

### Funerals:

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

### Makuragyo Service:

During the week (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM) contact the Fresno Betsuin Office at (559) 442-4054 or **Rev. Majima** after business hours or on a weekend at **(949) 278-0120**.

### 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. Larry Nishida

Phone: (559) 903 - 0316

**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)

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