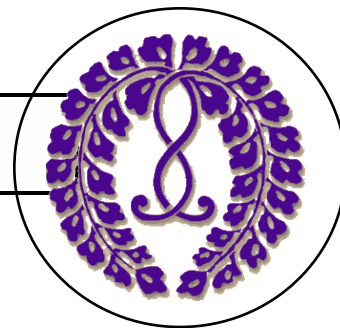


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September Calendar



- 5 Labor Day Holiday
- 11 Ohigan, September Memorial (Shotsuki) & Dharma Service 10:00 am
- 14 RBC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 17 BWA Bingo Day - Conference Room 12:00 pm
- 18 Blood Drive at Fresno Dharma Center 8:30 am

ONLINE LINK FOR VIRTUAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY CC MINISTERS:

GO TO: https://twitter.com/fresno_nishi to get the YouTube link for the service.



BWA BINGO DAY

Sponsored by Reedley BWA

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Saturday, September 17, 2022
12:00 noon

RBC Conference Room

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

BWA Needs HELP with the Yard Sale!

Dates: October 11 (5:30 PM)
October 12 (10:00 AM)
October 15 (7:00 AM)



SEPTEMBER TOBAN:

Church Toban: Kubota & Justesen
BWA: Group 3 - Joy Donaldson & Diane
Kubota



September Ohigan, Memorial (Shotsuki) & Dharma Service



Sunday, September 11, 2022
10:00 AM

Light lunch served following service.



RBC "AUTUMN FAVORITES" BENTO DINNER DRIVE THRU/TAKE OUT

Teriyaki BBQ Chicken, Barasushi, Chinese
Chicken Salad, Teriyaki Meatballs,
Edamame, & Almond Cookie

Other desserts are available to order!

November 6, 2022
3:00 - 5:00 PM

See details on page 9

In Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Carolyn Ikemiya, who passed away on August 5, 2022 at the age of 93.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Mas Kunishige, who passed away on August 8, 2022 at the age of 93.



Church Acknowledges Dana

The Family of Carolyn Ikemiya <i>In Memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ikemiya</i>	\$1,000.00
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ikemiya <i>In Memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ikemiya</i>	1,000.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Mrs. Carolyn Ikemiya</i>	100.00
Ms. Lois Yamakoshi <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Toshiko Kawagoe <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Amy Naito <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Use of Facilities</i>	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>Special Donation</i>	300.00
Anonymous <i>Special Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Masako Kobayashi <i>Special Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui <i>Special Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada <i>In Memory of Chiho Nishi</i>	20.00
<u>August Memorial Service</u>	
Mrs. Toshiko Kawagoe <i>Chokichi Ikemiya & George Ikemiya</i>	200.00
Ms. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry <i>Masao Tanizaki</i>	100.00
Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya <i>George Ikemiya & Chokichi Ikemiya</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>Kiyoko Nakagawa</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota <i>Joe Kubota & Doris Yamada</i>	50.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa <i>Harry Bungo & Alice Nakai</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan <i>Chokichi Ikemiya</i>	50.00

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August Memorial Service Cont.

Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan <i>George Ikemiya</i>	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>Tetsuo Nakamura</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>Jutaro Naito, Ayame Kodama, Toru Ikeda, & Yosuke Inn</i>	40.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Tsunejiro Tanaka & Agnes Tsutsumi</i>	30.00
Mr. Michio Miyamoto <i>Takako Miyamoto</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro <i>Umanosuke Shiine</i>	30.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada <i>Umeichi Morikawa, Itaro Kurokawa, Masao Kurokawa, Itoku Kurokawa, & Satomi Yamada</i>	30.00
Mrs. Joanne Hansen <i>Shig Matsuoka</i>	25.00
Ms. Priscilla Kehoe <i>Mary Yamagiwa</i>	25.00
Mrs. Janice Munoz <i>Shig Matsuoka</i>	25.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>Toru Ikeda</i>	25.00
Mrs. Amy Naito <i>Yasuji Nomi</i>	25.00
Ms. Lily Ikemiya <i>Totaro Tamaki</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>Toru Ikeda, Jutaro Naito, Ayame Kodama, Yasuji Nomi</i>	20.00
Mr. Ken Nakamura <i>Tetsuo Nakamura</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>Yasuji Nomi, George Inouye, & Toru Ikeda</i>	20.00
Mrs. Nancy Sakata <i>Yosuke Inn</i>	20.00
Mrs. Yukiye Takayama <i>Kasutaro Takasaki, Toshiyuki Takasaki, Tsunejiro Tanaka</i>	20.00
Anonymous	20.00
<u>Other Memorial Services</u>	
Mrs. Michi Hotta - Sept. Memorial Service <i>Hideo Hotta</i>	40.00
Mr. Alan Kubota - July Memorial Service <i>Masayuki Kubo</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Shitanishi - June Memorial <i>Toyotaka Shitanishi</i>	25.00
<u>Obon Service</u>	
Mrs. Toshiko Kawagoe	100.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada	30.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	25.00
Mrs. Yukiye Takayama	20.00



Message from Rev. Nakata

“Mottai nai” reminds us that we are living in the sources of appreciation



Hello all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends! The Obon season is officially over in CC. It all began in Reedley on July 2 and ended in Kingsburg on Aug 6. I sincerely appreciate all the Sangha friends who volunteered to host and helped with your participation during the hot Central Cal heat! I was able to participate to enjoy all CC Obons this year, and I was so glad to see everyone's smiling faces.

In this article, I would like to write about Mottai nai. Have you heard this word before? It pronounces “Mow-Tie, Nye”. It is a Japanese word and our **Jodo Shinshu fundamental philosophy**. The word was worldly recognized in 2005 by, Prof. Wangari Maathai, a veterinarian, the first female professor in Kenya and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. In 2005, she visited Japan and was impressed by the idea of Mottai nai. At that time, she was one of committee members at the United Nations. She introduced Mottai nai to her committee members and started a “Mottai nai” world campaign. Mottai nai was translated as Re-use, Reduce, and Recycle – 3 Rs.

Most CC temples are involved in recycling as they have a recycle bins for cans and bottles. To increase awareness, some temples might have switched from foam containers to paper containers and have re-useable lacquerware and metal utensils. I really appreciate their efforts for Mottai nai / Eco Sangha activity in their highest capacity.

As you may know, Japan is a country of islands, and their natural resources are very limited. The idea of Mottai nai is embedded in Japanese culture and spirit from ancient time. Originally, Mottai meant it has usefulness (fundamental value). Nai meant prevent or against. In ancient Japan, the saying of Mottai nai was used to warn people “it has usefulness, so do not avoid using it.” It became popularized around Rennyo Shonin's time, the eighth master of Jodo Shinshu's era. He often used “Mottai nai” to express appreciation and mindfulness for things around us in *Recollections of Rennyo Shonin's sayings*. Here I will share one episode.

One day, Rennyo Shonin was walking down a corridor in the temple, and he found a piece of paper on the floor. He said to his follower “we should not waste anything as everything is a part of interdependence of Buddha Dharma.” He stretched his both hands to pick up the paper and bowed to it to express his appreciation. Later, his son, Jitsunyo Shonin (9th master) recalled “my father (Rennyo Shonin) had never recklessly treated or wasted things around us.”

By hearing Rennyo Shonin's episode, Jodo Shinshu Sangha has learned how important it is to be mindful of every little thing and such attitude of livelihood leads you to feel more

appreciation in your everyday life. It equals the teaching of the historical Buddha who reminds us that our everyday life is filled with the sources of appreciation, however our biased, rushed or blind-faith eyes prevent us to see these sources. We need to remind ourselves that one piece of paper can be a source of appreciation.

Mottai Nai does not only apply to other things, but also it can apply to ourselves. Don't you spend your everyday life recklessly, although our life is not forever? Every single life is given by millions of billions of past generations, although we can only track back a few generations. Do you know the name of your great-grandmother? For last 1000 years, we probably have had 40 generations and have had 533 billion ancestors involved in our birth/life. The life journey of our 533 billion ancestors is behind us like a shade we see under the sun. That fact tells us that our life is filled with many sources of appreciation.

Gassho.

Beaching Outing to Avila Beach

July 31, 2022





Message from Rev. Nakagawa

Today, I would like to talk a little about the "Dharma" of Mahāyāna Buddhism, which is the basis of our Jōdo Shinshū.



What the Buddha calls the Dharma is fundamentally different from what is called Religion. What the Buddha calls the Dharma is similar to what Theologians call Religion. But there is no greater affinity between the two. On the other hand, there are very significant differences between the two. On this account, some Theologians do not recognize the Buddha's Dharma as a Religion. There is no need to regret this for us. The loss is theirs. It does no harm to the Dharma of the Buddha at all. Rather, it just shows what is lacking in so-called Religion.

When we learn the teachings of the Buddha, the first thing we need to know is how the Buddha guided people. Buddha's guidance was unique and unparalleled in other Religions. Good introductory books in each Buddhist country almost always put on the following explanation as a way of manifestation of the Buddha's Dharma at the beginning portion:

- 1st: Tai-ki Sep-po 対機説法 means the best suitable expression of the teaching for the target person.
- 2nd: Rin-ki Ouhen 臨機応変 means the best suitable action according to circumstances. And,
- 3rd: Ou-byo Yo-Yaku 応病与薬 means that Buddha teaches and leads according to the people's way of life, just like a doctor gives medicine according to disease.

They all say the same thing about Buddha's way. Therefore, attention must be paid especially to the fact that Buddha shared his teachings taking into account each people's own conditions.

There is a record of a funny story:

Two disciples of Buddha were having a dispute during Buddha's funeral. One disciple said, "Buddha said that people must eat a lot," and the other said, "No, Buddha said that people must eat less." When asked carefully, the first disciple explained that he was once very thin and Buddha cared about his health, taught him to "live a disciplined life, increase his appetite, and eat a lot." And the other disciple explained that he was once very fat and Buddha cared about his health, taught him to "live a disciplined life, control his appetite and eat less." Simply, both of them were just taught by the Buddha according to their respective conditions. Their dispute was just nonsense. But this story is more than just funny.

Today, 84,000 Sutras are passed down in the Buddhist tradition after 2,700 years. It is no exaggeration to say that the contents of those Sutras are all different. Some draw completely contradictory conclusions, and in other cases, the Buddha's recommended practice method of training is the exact opposite.

Why is that so?

Remember the phrase: "the best suitable expression of the teaching for the target person."

Just because the reality of a person who had been receiving the guidance in the presence of the Buddha was different, the human conditions of the subjects of each scripture are different as such. Because the location of the problems that each one had is different, the Buddha guided each one to definitely head for Buddhahood, after revealing the most crucial problems that each follower had.

When we hear the word Tai-ki Sep-po, 対機説法 the best suitable expression of the teaching for the target person, we immediately remember the story of Kisa-Gotamy, a female disciple of the Buddha.

Kisa-Gotamy had a baby boy who died suddenly.

She couldn't accept the death of her baby, and after his death, she kept holding her baby and asked each person she met to "give this child some medicine."

Her sorrow was so great that many thought she had lost her mind. An old man told her to see the Buddha.

The Buddha told her that he could bring the child back to life if she could find white mustard seeds from a family where no one had died.

She desperately went from house to house in the city, but to her disappointment, she could not find any single house that had not suffered the death of a family member.

Finally the realization struck her that there is no house where death never visited.

She buried her child and returned to the Buddha.

When Śākyamuni Buddha asked, "Kisa-Gotamy, did you get the mustard seed?". Kisa-Gotamy replied, "I'm fine with no mustard seed."

"I well understand that death is not for only my child. Oh, Buddha, oh Serene, oh Free, please tell me how to live in my life from now on. I want to live my entire life as a free, serene, and righteous person like you."

Buddha comforted her and preached to her the truth of the Dharma. She was awakened and immediately entered the first stage of enlightenment. Eventually, she became an Arahāt, the awakened one.

What would she do if Buddha immediately answered, "Life is impermanent. Your child will not come back to life?"

I'm sure that she went away thinking, "This Buddha doesn't have the ability to revive my child. Let's find another sacred person."

This story tells us that the miracle or even the truth answer is not always a real solution. It is only the real teacher who can guide person to notice truth-reality by oneself.

Even if people today do not know Buddhism, they know theoretically that there is a scientific fact of impermanence in this Universe. But what makes us truly aware that impermanence is my own problem is only by practicing Buddha-dharma. Buddha is encouraging us to knowing first our true form, then live by relying upon Buddha-dharma.

In closing, we should be reminded of Shinran Shonin's famous words in Tannisho, as follows:

"Buddha's sense-of-care was solely for myself, Shinran, alone."

These never will be the words that are the result of analyzing the contents of the teachings and generalizing them. What Shinran Shonin tries to tell us is that we are all one with the Dharma, so he tells us to become ourselves our own light. That's why we are always saying the Nenbutsu, Namu-Amitābha.

Namu-Amitābha, Namu-Amitābha, Namu-Amitābha.

"I entrust myself to the inconceivable wisdom of Buddha that attributes boundless light, which can handle any evil karmas onto the right path."



September Monthly Memorial Service

The September Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted **IN-PERSON** on **Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM**. Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for September are as follows:

DECEASED:

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

Tsuru Inn
Jack Haruo Tsudama
Iyo 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

SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Mitchell Abe
Kay Antoku
Betty Aoki
Hitoshi Aoki
Lillian Garrigus
Gerry Hada
Cheryl Miyakawa &
Nannette Mori

Gayle Larson
Nori Hashimoto &
Mary Hashimoto

Keiko Hatakeda
Joyce Hatanaka
Michi Hotta
Eloise Ibara
Amy Naito & Karen
Sakata
Kenneth Ikemiya &
Toshi Kawagoe

Nancy Sakata
Kiyoko Inn

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

Alice Nakamura
Johnnie Togioka
Kathy Nishinaka

Ronald Nishinaka

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September Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Kakuro Nobuhiro & Hisao

Nobuhiro
Hajime Jim Sakuragi
Melvin Seiichi Omori
Tatsuo Sakata
Sadako Sally Okino
Kimiko Shitanishi
Yutaka Takanishi
Masao Takasaki
Toshio William Nakagawa
Masaru Tanizaki

Michiye Ikuta
Junichi Noji
Yoshio Yamada
Shizu Yamada

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Ben Nobuhiro
Dale Okamura
Nancy Omori
Nancy Sakata
Dennis Sasaki
Tom Shitanishi
Don Takanishi
Yukiye Takayama
Karen Takasaki
Cathy Tanizaki
Zachary
Arthur Tatami
Kazuko Tatami
Ayako Yamada
Ellen Yamada

Procedures for Requesting a Minister

Funerals:

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

Makuragyo Service:

During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office (442-4054) or Rev. Nakagawa on weekdays or weekends directly (970-7652).

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. Gary Sakata

Phone: (559) 250-9687

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. Nakagawa: (urgent for Makuragyo) (559) 970-7652

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WHEN?
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
8:30AM – NOON**

WHERE?
**Family Dharma Center
2690 E Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93720**

APPOINTMENTS ENCOURAGED!
To sign up, contact:
Lee Osaki (559) 442-4054
losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org
or
Hunter Arakawa (559) 269-2925
hharla40@gmail.com

**CDC SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE
FACE MASKS REQUIRED**

Reedley BWA YARD SALE



Save the Date! - October 15, 2022



Start cleaning out those closets and garages! Due to lack of space, we will not be able to accept any items until
October 11th (5:30 - 8 PM) & 12th (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Furniture, bedding, kitchenware, electronics,
antiques, games, appliances, baby items, children's
clothing, etc.



We hope you can help donate and we will
need help setting up and selling!





NEMBUTSU SEMINAR AND FAMILY FUN DAY

VIRTUAL TOUR OF HIROSHIMA

LED BY REV. YUTAKA KONO, HIROSHIMA MINISTERIAL TRAINING SCHOOL
SEE HIROSHIMA BETSUIN - MEET FACULTY OF HIROSHIMA BUKKYO GAKUIN AND SEE
LOCATION OF RESIDENCY PROGRAM (MANPUKU-JI TEMPLE) AND OTHER POINTS OF
INTEREST IN HIROSHIMA - PEACE MEMORIAL PARK, HIROSHIMA CASTLE, MIYAJIMA

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

BUDDHISM FOR KIDS FOR EVERYDAY CALM, HAPPINESS,
AND AWARENESS -
INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES AND CLASSIC BUDDHIST STORIES

BOUNCE HOUSE!!



SHAVED ICE!!



FOOD TRUCKS!!

TERIYAKI CHICKEN PIZZA
TACOS

BINGO!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

10AM - 2PM

FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE
\$5 ADULTS - \$3 CHILDREN



Nembutsu Seminar/Family Fun Day

Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022
 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Venue: Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple

Schedule

9:30 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	Registration / Coffee, Juice and Pastries
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Family Dharma Service and Installation of CC JR. YBA Officers
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Adult Seminar: "Virtual Trip to Hiroshima" by Rev. Yutaka Kono, Hiroshima Ministerial Training School Children's Workshop: Buddhism for Kids for Everyday Calm, Happiness, and Awareness
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Food Truck Lunch: Papa Murphy's Teriyaki Chicken Pizza Taco Truck
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Sangha Social Bingo: "Temple Competition" Bounce House Shaved Ice

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Registration

Registration Fee: \$5/person (11 yrs. and older) includes Food Truck Lunch
 \$3/child (3 yrs. – 10 yrs.) includes Food Truck Kid's Lunch and Shaved Ice

Name _____ # Adults @ \$5.00 = _____

Temple (if applicable) _____ #Child/ren @ \$3.00 = _____

Phone # _____ Total _____

Email _____

Deadline, please: Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 Info: (559) 442-4054 or fresnohondo@gmail.com

Mail checks to: Fresno Buddhist Temple, 2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93720



Reedley Buddhist Church

Autumn Favorites

Bazaar Teriyaki Chicken, Barasushi, Chinese Chicken Salad, Teriyaki Meatballs, Edamame, & Almond Cookie

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Drive Thru/Pick Up Only - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

\$17 each - Pre-sale ONLY * A limited number of dinners available

Deadline: Friday, October 21, 2022

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

A limited number of homemade strawberry pizza slices, and manju (bazaar favorites!) will be available to pre-order, so ORDER EARLY.

Strawberry Pizza Slice - \$3.00



Manju - 3 for \$5.00



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Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email or cell phone text (for receipt confirmation): _____

Autumn Favorites Dinner: _____ x \$17.00 = _____ = Total _____

Strawberry Pizza _____ Manju _____ = Total _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Deadline: Friday, October 21, 2022

Make checks payable to: REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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

or email Karen Sakata at: kgsakata@verizon.net

